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U.S. envoy contacting W. Bankers Arab League attacks move

CAIRO, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — U.S. ambassador James Leonard Saturday said he had established contact with Palestinian leaders in the Jordan West Bank and Gaza strip and kept them informed of the autonomy talks between Egypt and Israel.

In an interview with the semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram*, Leonard, the U.S. deputy chief negotiator, said he had met Palestinian leaders and would resume his contacts with them during the next round of autonomy talks in Israel.

He said the American consul-general in Jerusalem and his staff had kept the Palestinian leaders "informed of what we are doing here," referring to the autonomy negotiations.

Leonard said President Jimmy Carter's special Middle East envoy Sol Linowitz intends to meet leaders of the West Bank either in Washington or during his next trip to the Middle East.

He said the Palestinians would join the negotiations after "progress has been achieved."

Leonard, who represented the United States at the last session of autonomy talks Wednesday said, "We have completed discussions of procedural matters and will next move to substantive issues."

He described the last session as "successful" but did not elaborate.

An Arab League official described the American plan to meet Palestinians as distinguished from the Palestine Liberation Organization as "an effort in diplomatic daydreaming. Any attempt to select Palestinians is divisive and will not be treated. The PLO is not only sole representative of the Palestinian people but is the framework of Palestinian peoplehood and therefore the expression of their national unity."

"Circumventing the PLO is an exercise in futility," Ambassador Clovis Maksoud, the league's U.N. observer commented to a reporter Thursday.

Washington has given Israel a pledge not to open talks with the PLO unless the commando organization recognizes Israel first.

Leonard said the last round of autonomy talks had "accomplished quite a bit of business." He said his optimism came as a result of interchanges with both sides.



MEETING ENDED : Information ministers of Arab Gulf states wound up a meeting here Saturday for a coordinated strategy to resist "malicious propaganda by the Western media." The ministers were concerned about developing a strategy for a counter-offensive that will tell world and Western public opinion the Gulf point of view. (See story page two)

Against Iran Carter urges sanctions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Accusing Iran of "arrogant defiance," President Jimmy Carter has called on the United Nations to impose sanctions to force the release of 50 American hostages in Tehran.

In a nationally televised statement, Carter said Iran has shown contempt for international law by refusing to obey an International Court of Justice decision that the hostages be freed.

He said the United States would not yield to "kidnappers and terrorists" or to "an irresponsible attempt at blackmail."

He did not indicate what kind of sanctions the United States would seek next week in the Security Council, but other officials said it will not call for a halt to all trade. Instead, the world will be asked to approve a selective boycott, denying Iran purchases of essential items like equipment for its oil operations.

Carter again stressed that he was trying to follow a peaceful approach. He said he was using every legal avenue available.

But, he said, "for a peaceful resolution to be achieved, it is now clear that concrete action must be taken by the international community."

He concluded his brief statement by reading from Longfellow. "The wrong shall fall, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."

Hodding Carter, the State Department spokesman, said afterward the U.S. objective in seeking sanctions is to "produce a change of attitude by those in control of Iran and therefore in control of the hostages."

Against Iran

He said, "we are not interested in bringing down any government, destroying the integrity of any nation, interfering with their security. We are interested in the release of the hostages, and that is the point of our policy to date."

In Tehran, the Foreign Ministry withheld comment, but a student at the occupied embassy said: "It won't make us free the hostages."

"As the Imam (Ayatollah Khomeini) has said, we are not afraid of economic sanctions or of military intervention."

The Foreign Ministry said the Revolutionary Council would have to consider Carter's announcement, which reached here in the early hours of Saturday morning.

However, a few hours before Carter spoke, Khomeini, apparently in anticipation, said if the United States succeeded in an economic boycott order, Iran would ask other nations to defy it.

"We will ask other countries to meet our economic requirements," Khomeini told an assembly of Revolutionary Guards in Qom.

At the United Nations, U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry began consultations Friday with Security Council members on Carter's call, but said it is "going to be difficult" to get approval.

He told reporters the request "has to be considered very seriously in the light of what the alternatives are."

Khomeini has meanwhile decreed that clergymen, preferably blacks, should be allowed to visit the hostages.



KITTY HAWK : The 81,000-ton aircraft USS Kitty Hawk in the Indian Ocean. The Pentagon ordered a task force to the Arabian Sea by January after the Carter administration raised the possibility of action against Iran if the U.S. hostages held by students in Tehran were not released.

Asked whether the *Nimitz* deployment is connected in any way with possible blockade operations against Iran, known to be under consideration as an option for dealing with the crisis, the navy spokesman said: "It is not our policy to discuss operational tasking."

The new development comes as a U.S. diplomatic-military team is visiting the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area to explore with officials in Somalia, Oman and Kenya the possibility of more frequent use of their ports and airfields by American military units.

King, Zayed discuss links

RIYADH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahayan, the president of the United Arab Emirates, paid a visit to Saudi Arabia Saturday and had talks with King Khaled.

The talks dealt with bilateral relations and the latest Arab and international developments.

King Khaled also received here Saturday the Prime Minister of the Comoros Salem Ali.

Sheikh Zayed was met on arrival by the King, and later seen off by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan, Interior Minister Prince Naif, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and other senior officials.

He was accompanied on the visit by Sheikh Sultan bin Muhammad Al-Qasbi, a member of the UAE Supreme Council and the ruler of Sharjah, Rashed Abdullah, minister of state for foreign affairs, Hammud ibn Ali, minister of state for the interior, and Ahmad ibn Sultan Al-Qasbi, also a minister of state.

At noon, King Khaled gave a luncheon in honor of Sheikh Zayed and his delegation.

The banquet, held at the Maathar Palace, was attended by Prince Abdullah, Prince Sultan, the Gulf information ministers attending a conference here, and a number of princes, cabinet ministers and senior officials.

The Saudi Arabian-UAE talks were being held before an expected Gulf summit meeting.

Asharq Al-Awsat daily newspaper reported last week that consultations were going on to set a date and venue for the conference. It quoted informed sources as saying that the summit will discuss the future of the Gulf region at "this delicate stage which was full of challenges."

The participants will discuss a unified action by all the Gulf states within a plan that will be mapped to cope with the developments of the region and to pursue the events with alertness and solidarity, it added.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein last Thursday received a message from King Khaled on bilateral relations and issues of common interest.



VISIT : King Khaled meets UAE President Sheikh Zayed in Riyadh Saturday for talks on bilateral relations and Mideast situation.

Arabs tighten boycott

DAMASCUS, Dec. 22 (R) — The 43rd Arab trade boycott of Israel conference Saturday adopted recommendations to tighten economic measures against the Zionist state and asserted the Arabs' right to protect themselves.

Dr. Nourallah Nourallah, the boycott offices commissioner-general, made the announcement at the end of a weeklong conference attended by representatives from all the Arab countries except Egypt.

In a statement, he said the conference adopted "specific recommendations on tightening anti-Israel and anti-Egypt boycott measures and rendering them more effective..."

The Arabs imposed political and economic sanctions on Egypt following the peace treaty it concluded with Israel in March.

The statement said "reconsideration of the boycott regulations and principles comes at a time in which Israel admits the serious harm inflicted by boycott measures and is doing its utmost on the diplomatic and information levels to check their effects."

The statement said the conference discussed the status of 31 companies from the United States, Britain and Japan.

The meeting decided to lift the ban on companies which had heeded Arab warnings to sever all links with Israel, but banned dealings with firms which violated Arab boycott regulations, the statement added.

It did not specify the number of establishments blacklisted or banned, or identify them. Conference sources said a more detailed announcement was normally expected after an Arab League endorsement of the recommendations in Tunis next March.

"The Arab countries have a natural and legitimate right to adhere to the principles and regulations which safeguard their interests and existence, without interfering in other states' internal affairs..." Dr. Nourallah said in his statement.

Israeli troops, students clash

TEL AVIV, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Israeli troops and Palestinian students in the occupied West Bank clashed Saturday for the second time in three days as soldiers broke up a demonstration by rock-throwing youths.

A spokesman for the military command said students burned tires and blocked the road outside Bir Zeit University, 15 miles north of Jerusalem. Seven students were arrested for throwing stones.

According to Gabi Baramki, acting president of the Palestinian university, troops chased fleeing students onto the campus and smashed windows and doors when the students locked themselves in classrooms.

"They hit several teachers, including myself, with their batons," Baramki told the Associated Press by telephone.

The troops left the campus after a representative of the military government arrived.

Baramki said he believed the students intended to hold a peaceful demonstration against Israeli settlements and the arrest Thursday of six students during a protest march against increased violence between Palestinians and Jewish settlers in the West Bank.

Baramki said Saturday's demonstration apparently got out of hand when high school students burned tires and threw stones. He said this "was to be expected in a demonstration of this sort."

U.S. force for Arabian Sea

By Fred S. Hoffman
Military Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The U.S. Navy will send an all nuclear-powered aircraft carrier battle group from the Mediterranean to the Arabian Sea in January "to make a clear demonstration of our intent to maintain an appropriate presence" there during the Iranian crisis, the Pentagon announced Friday.

The 94,000-ton aircraft carrier *Nimitz* and two nuclear-powered cruisers, the *California* and the *Texas*, will replace another battle group headed by the oil-driven *Kitty Hawk* and its escorts. The *Kitty Hawk* battle group was sent into the Arabian Sea early this month from the Pacific and is overdue to return home to California.

The movement of the *Nimitz* and its escorting cruisers — which carry guided missiles for defense against attacking planes — into the Arabian Sea will result in a one-ship reduction in the 21-ship U.S. Navy force in the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area. But the navy said there will be no loss in striking power. Both the 81,000-ton *Kitty Hawk* and the bigger *Nimitz* carry about 80 warplanes.

Detaching the *Nimitz* from the 6th Fleet means U.S. naval power in the Mediterranean will be reduced until early spring when the navy said it expects to boost the carrier force there back up to two battle groups.

The United States already has reduced its carrier striking power in the western Pacific in order to station two battle groups in the Arabian Sea within striking range of the Gulf. The 64,000-ton carrier *Midway* preceded the *Kitty Hawk* into the Indian Ocean during the fall.

The Pentagon's announcement of the planned movement of the *Nimitz* battle group from the Mediterranean to the Arabian Sea underscores the Carter administration's intentions to maintain strong naval power there at least as long as the current crisis lasts and as long as American hostages are prevented from returning home from Iran.

The *Nimitz* task group will remain in the area as long as considered necessary to maintain an appropriate presence in the western Indian Ocean in conjunction with the present crisis, the Pentagon said.

The announcement came as President Jimmy Carter announced plans to seek United Nations sanctions against Iran in an effort to free 50 Americans held hostage in Tehran since Nov. 4.

The *Nimitz* battle group is due to arrive in the Arabian Sea in late January after traveling the long way down the western coast of Africa, around the Cape of Good Hope and up into the Indian Ocean.

The navy said the *Nimitz* group cannot go through the Suez Canal, a shorter route, because of its size.

Asked why they are announcing the movement of the *Nimitz* more than a week in advance of its departure from the Mediterranean, Pentagon officials said other NATO countries have been informed of U.S. plans and it was felt that the word might slip out from European sources.

Navy officials said there are no present plans for the *Nimitz* battle group to make any port calls enroute to the Arabian Sea, but they sidestepped a direct answer on whether port visits are expected after the ships enter those waters.

The navy said the *Nimitz* battle group will operate in the Arabian Sea — conducting routine training... designed to maintain readiness.

Five private planes crash

By the Associated Press

Five private planes, two of them battling dense fog, crashed in accidents in Florida, Arkansas, Utah and Illinois, killing all 13 persons aboard.

A small plane crashed into a downtown Orlando Fla., Lake early Saturday, missing the high-rise lakeside apartments, and killing all four passengers, authorities said.

Orlando police Sgt. John Todd said the plane took off from Herndon Airport shortly after midnight and "went directly into the lake and sank."

Divers recovered two bodies inside the sunken twin-engine Beechcraft, and two others were found at the bottom of Lake Eola.

In Utah, a small plane plunged into an ice-covered lake southwest of Provo City Airport Friday, killing two persons.

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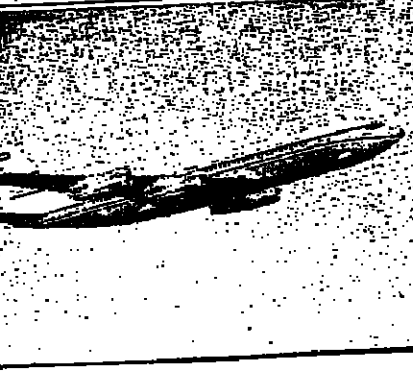
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Meetings to counter propaganda start

Khaled receives Gulf media ministers

RIYADH — Dec. 22 (SPA) — King Khaled Saturday received Gulf information ministers meeting here to discuss cooperation and present issues.

The ministers were introduced to the King by their Saudi Arabian colleague, Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani. The meeting was also attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan.

The ministers concluded their meetings Saturday and which they began earlier in the day in the King Faisal hall here. A state-

ment they gave to the television Friday night emphasized the importance of the talks: they said Arab states, and particularly Gulf states, are now the target of malicious press campaigns. The present times were critical.

The Qatari minister, Issa Ghanem Al-Khawari, said that the Western press, with Zionist backing, had declared war on Gulf states and Arab oil-exporting countries.

He said that those frenzied fabrications should be confronted with a careful and studied information strategy that would put the truth before the man in the street

in Europe and the United States. Gulf states were depicted as warmongers and those crippling Western economies. Campaigns are distorting the facts of Islamic history and civilization. To fight that a unified strategy was essential, he said.

Tariq Al-Muayed, the Bahraini minister, said that some international organizations were trying to harm the region, its Arab character and its religion. They were trying to frustrate Arab ambitions. In response, Arabs should plan together, as in the days of the Prophet Muhammad, and they should be careful in choosing both their friends a language in which to address the public opinion of the world.

Ahmad ibn Hamad, UAE minister of information, said that this meeting was one of a regular series of talks intended to lay a sound and unified information strategy for the Gulf region, and to coordinate information among each country.

Abdul Aziz Al-Rawas, the Omani minister of information, declared that Gulf information

has made giant strides in bilateral and regional cooperation, based on the decisions of the conferences of Gulf ministers of information.

Rawas hoped the meetings would positively help meet the ambitions of the people of the region, which were expressed in the tenth summit conference and the recent conference of Arab Ministers of Information in Tunisia.

This meeting would define an information policy for the Gulf region to immunize itself against destructive and alien thoughts, and continue its development to preserve the prosperity and stability of the region. It had become an area of interest to the world because of its religious, hydrocarbon and cultural resources.

Those four ministers arrived here Friday. Kuwaiti Deputy Minister of Information Saadoun Al-Jasem and Iraqi Minister of Information Latif Nasim Al-Jaser arrived Saturday.

Speaking on arrival, the Kuwaiti and Iraqi officials hoped that the meeting would be fruitful and take effective decisions to counter the Western media's malicious attacks against the Gulf. Saadoun said he carried greetings from Ruler of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

E. Province road finished

DAMMAM, Dec. 22 (SPA) — The road from Arar to Hazm Al-Jalamid, built at a cost of SR23 million, has been finished. The 100-kilometers of tarmac were laid in eight months.

The director of the Ministry of Communications' Roads Department in the Eastern Province, Sami Awda, said Saturday the two lane road will help to link the areas between Arar and Al-Jalamid.

Six Filipinos embrace Islam

HASA, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Six Filipinos, one woman, embraced Islam before the head of the Sharia Court here. The six, who work on a project here, said they converted after thorough study and conviction. They changed their names to Islamic names.

In Medina

Governor meets sheikhs

MEDINA, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Governor of Medina Prince Abdul Mohsen received Saturday local leaders, the heads of tribes and population centers of the area.

Prince Abdul Mohsen gave them the thanks of King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah, second deputy prime

minister and commander of the National Guard, for their support for and confidence in their government during and after the incident in Mecca.

He gave them lunch Saturday at the governorate's headquarters. It was attended by the leading citizens of Medina.

Riyadh cultural festival

Swiss show what makes them tick

By Joyce Prince

RIYADH, Dec. 22 — Coinciding with the recent meeting here of the Joint Commission, a Swiss festival was held over four days at the Intercontinental Hotel.

The awesomely entitled Swiss Gastronomical and Cultural Festival involved Swissair flying in over 4,000 kilograms of food,

2,000 kilograms of display material and 800 kilograms of free publicity gifts. It featured singers, yodellers, watch-makers, walking-stick carvers and examples of posters. Food was provided, thought by most to be excellent.

A collection of cow-bells added to the cultural display. Musicians performed each night

at dinner they wore the costume and sang. The songs of the Canton of Teufen.

They played an accordion, a bass viol and a hackbrett, one the zither and dulcimer family.

The group also perform a bowl yodelling number. Three large pottery bowls, graduated in size, were held in the left hand of each singer. The leader takes a silver five franc piece and flips it into his bowl, followed by the second and then the 3rd yodeller.

Each coin is spun rapidly around its bowl, creating a vibrant tone, which the yodellers use as accompaniment.

This was the seventh international festival held by the Intercontinental Hotel.

Raymond Khalife, manager of the hotel, commented that the main purpose of the festival is to contribute pertinent information about Switzerland to the people of Riyadh and to stimulate and intensify social and community relations between Riyadh and the Swiss community.

WEATHER

It will be fine during the day and cold at night, especially in the northern region. Winds will be moderate and easterly to north-easterly. Scattered cloud will hang over the western and south-western highlands.

Seas will be light to moderate.

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SIGNING: Officials of Tihama and Saudi Research and Marketing sign an agreement giving Tihama the exclusive advertising concession for the new SRMC magazine. From left around the table are Robert Jureidini, Muhammad Ali Hafiz and Hisham Ali Hafiz of SRMC and Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb, Talal Doleimi, Baha Abu Ghazalah and Abdul Rahman Al-Menei.

New Arabic publication

Tihama wins magazine contract

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — Tihama Advertising has been granted the exclusive advertisement concession for a new weekly magazine, *Al-Majallah*.

Al-Majallah, which means magazine, is the latest publication of the Saudi Research and Marketing Company, which already publishes the English-language *Arab News* and *Saudi Business* from Jeddah, the Arabic London-based *Ashraq Al-Awsat*, and *Saudi Report* from Houston.

The concession is provided for in an annex to an agreement signed between the two companies at the beginning of last year and covering *Arab News*, *Saudi Business* and *Ashraq Al-Awsat*.

The annex was signed for Tihama by its director general, Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb, and for the SRMC by its chairman Hisham Ali Hafiz. Attending the signing ceremony were SRMC Vice Chairman Muhammad Ali Hafiz; Assistant General Manager, Robert Jureidini; and for Tihama, Assistant Director General Talal Doleimi; Assistant Director-General for Production Abdul Rahman Al-Menei; and

Assistant Director-General for Projects Baha Abu Ghazalah.

Preparations are under way to print the first issue of *Al-Majallah*, which will appear every Saturday. Encouraged by the suc-

cess of *Ashraq Al-Awsat*, the publishers are planning it as an international publication. The presses are ready, and a large number of journalists and writers have been taken on.

Ministry is examining central farming projects

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water is considering setting up central agricultural projects, according to *Al-Riyadh* Saturday.

The ministry's plan is to provide different regions with their main agricultural requirements and incentives for investment by companies or individuals. Soil is being analyzed in the prospective areas, to see whether the land is more fit for agriculture or housing projects.

Meanwhile, the ministry issued tender documents for sinking artesian, tube and manual water wells. These include four manual wells in Sodous, Al-Ayina, Hayer and Abu Jalal. The deadline for submitting bids is Jan. 4, and the

bids will be opened next day. The projects also include: digging five artesian wells at Wadi Bisha.

The deadline is Jan. 5, and bids will be opened the following day; the digging of wells at Hazanah, Mustawa, Ruwayhan, Rawdatul Tanadub and Amlaj and the villages of Maqboul (the deadline was Thursday); five tube wells in Damad, Allama at Hula Al-Dijl, Souq Al-Tholouth, and Al-Khadra (the deadline was the fifth of this month, with bids opened the next day); and the digging of four tube wells in Jijrah, Dabbatul Sughayri and Amtar and Bir Jow Al-Sheikh (Deadline the sixth of this month with bids to have been opened the next day).

Islamic design seminar set

DAMMAM, Dec. 22 (SPA) — King Faisal University here is organizing a seminar on Islam architecture and planning. It starts Jan. 6 and continues for five days.

More than 200 experts and ulama from all over the world will take part in the seminar. Officials from the Ministries of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Public Works and Housing, and Pilgrimage and Endowments, as well as from universities and governorates, will attend.

Rector of King Faisal University Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahtani said that the university had invited experts from the United States and Britain, as well as Arab and other countries, in addition to Saudi Arabian experts.

Some have sent papers on Islamic architecture to be studied beforehand. The seminar has been held to enable students to meet officials in charge of projects in Saudi Arabia, Qahtani said.

He expressed his pleasure for that the Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments is to take part, to discuss topics related to mosques as a style of Islamic architecture.

The assistant dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, Dr. Samir Al-Sadiq, said that 60 papers on architecture and planning will be presented at the seminar. The main subject for discussion will be introducing Islamic styles, and the principles and theories of Islamic architecture.

Sadiq will act as general secretary for the seminar.

Governor of the Eastern Province Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi will open the seminar at the presence of Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, minister of higher education and rector of universities, and other ministers.

On the first day, an Islamic architecture exhibition will be opened.

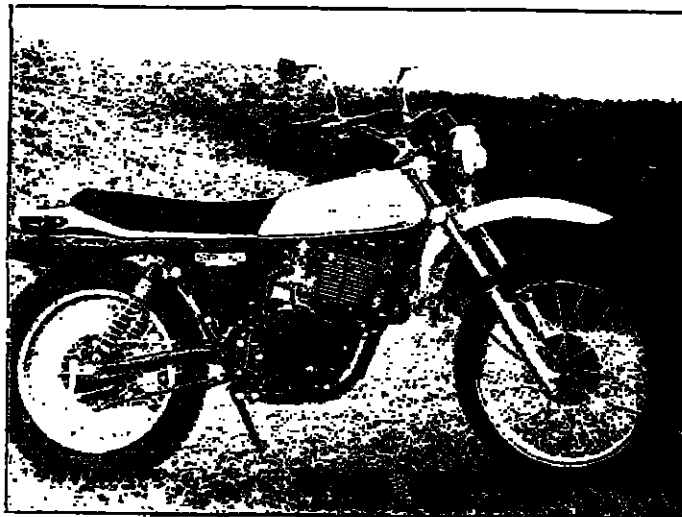
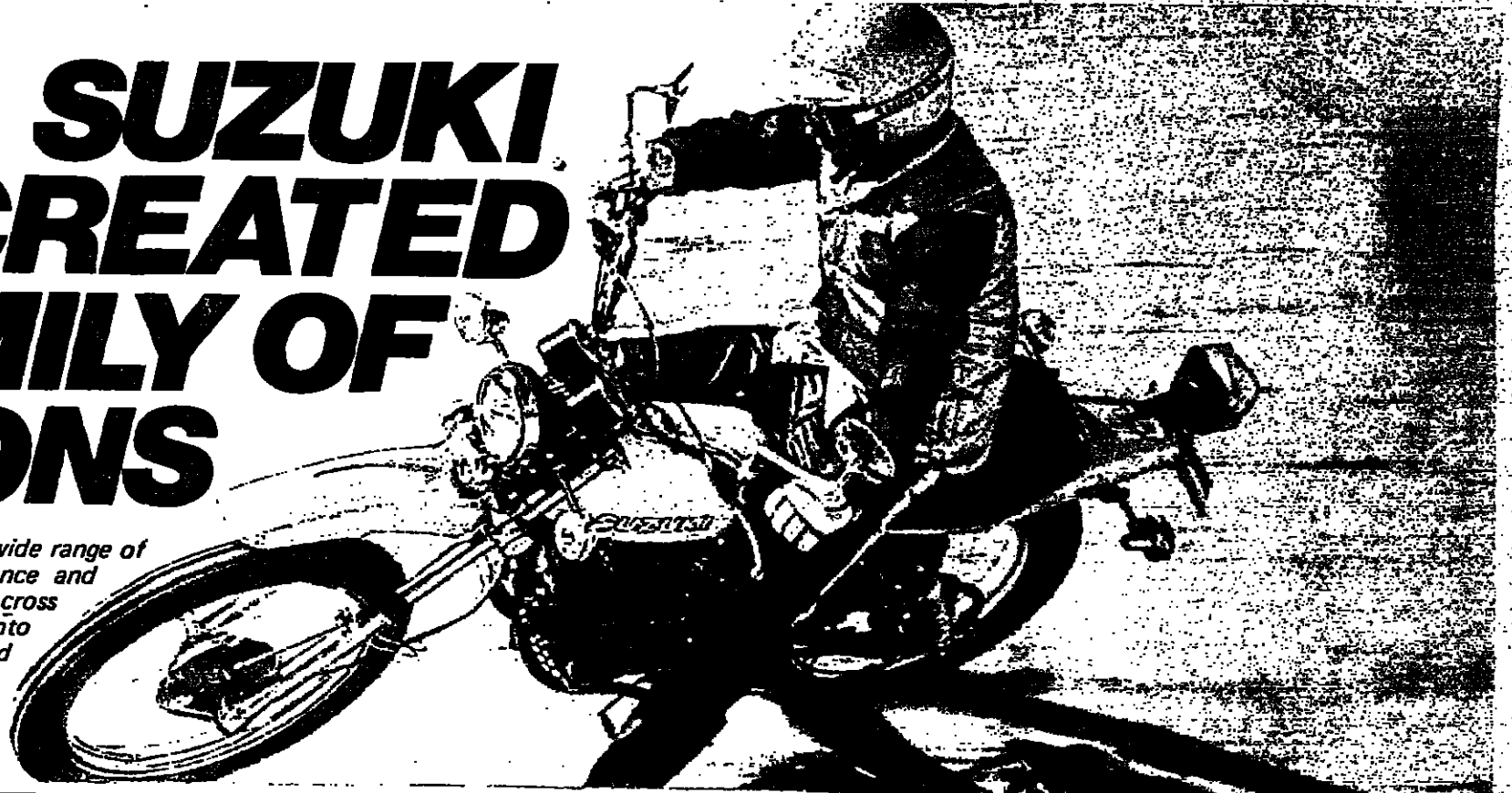
Soccer results

JEDDAH, Dec. 22 (SPA) — Jeddah's Al-Itihad and Al-Nasr of Riyadh drew 0-0 here Friday in a League game. In Medina, the home team Ohod was beaten 2-1 by Al-Ahli of Jeddah.

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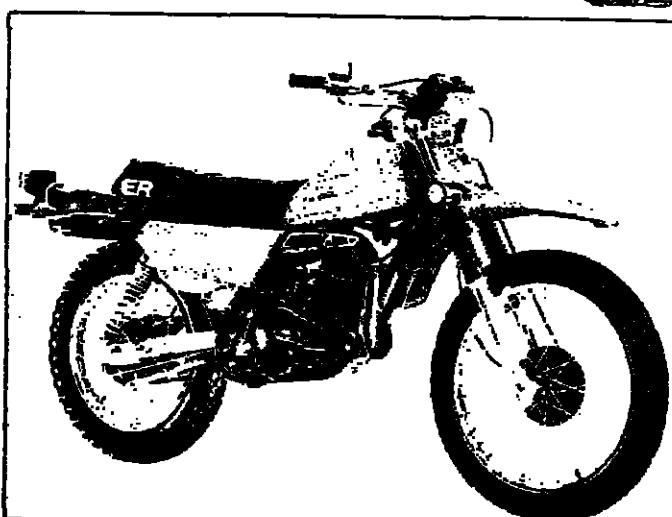
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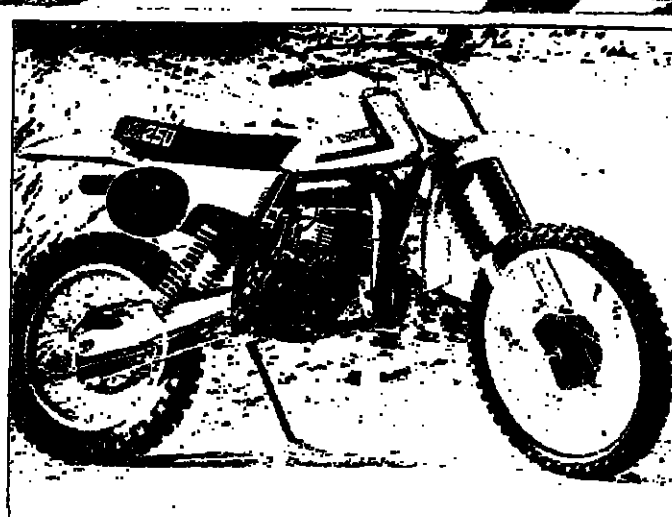
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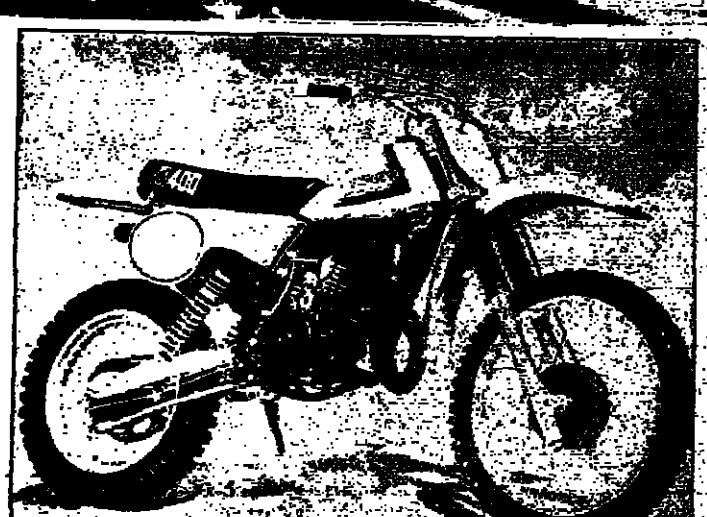
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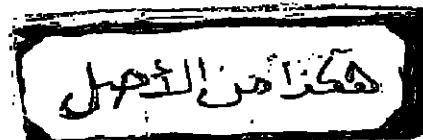


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Guerrillas free hostages

Major Salvador fire breaks out

SAN SALVADOR, Dec. 22 (AP) — A major fire broke out in the downtown section of this central American capital Friday night. Witnesses said it started after at least three persons threw gasoline bombs into businesses.

The fire was out of control an hour after it started. Police fired weapons to keep looters at bay.

A police spokesman said the weapons were fired into the air but hundreds of people could be seen

running frantically from the area.

Firemen, hobbled by a water shortage, were concentrating their efforts on saving adjacent buildings. The fire was on a corner across from the National Cathedral, the scene of frequent political violence in the past.

Explosions from the area were audible at the Associated Press office five blocks away.

Meanwhile, leftists occupying a public market freed eight Salvadoreans and an American Peace

Corps volunteer they had held captive since Dec. 12, police reported.

Police said agreement to meet the leftists' demands led to the releases Friday of Deborah Loff, 25, of New Jersey, and the others. Four more hostages were set free earlier.

The leftists involved in the dispute, members of the February 28 Popular Leagues, demanded reduced rental rates for market stalls and higher wages for market workers. Mayor Julio Adolfo Ray Prendes said he would offer a remedy immediately after the Christmas holidays.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Miss Loff "looks good and she is in good spirits. She was not harassed." He said she planned to fly home Saturday. Miss Loff was doing social work among the stall vendors in the Mercado San Jacinto when leftist guerrillas seized the market.

Stall vendors pay about 60 cents a square meter per month for space in the markets, and want the rent reduced to 30 cents. They also complain policemen help themselves to food and other items while on duty.

Minor quake strikes parts of U.S. West

GOLDEN, Colorado, Dec. 22 (AP) — A minor earthquake has rattled parts of southern California, northern Baha California and southwest Arizona, the U.S. Geological Survey has reported.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, said Don Finley of the survey's National Earthquake Information Service here Friday.

The tremor registered 4.8 on the Richter scale and was centered about 25 miles southeast of Mexicali, Mexico, and about 30 miles southwest of Yuma, Arizona. It occurred at 12:40 p.m. (2040GMT), Finley said.

Meanwhile, two seismologists say California's wait for its next catastrophic earthquake may be almost over.

Bruce Bolt, director of the seismographic station at the University of California in Berkeley, and Richard Jahns, professor of geology and applied earth sciences at Stanford University, say there is a 50-50 chance a quake with a Richter scale reading higher than 7 will occur in the state in the next decade.

A quake with a magnitude of 7 is classified as a "major" earthquake, capable of causing widespread heavy damage.

"A rough estimate of the odds finds them now about even... With

every passing year these odds will steadily increase," says the report, which appears in a journal of the University of California at Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies.

The prediction is based on historical records of earthquake occurrence — recently obtained geological evidence of quakes going back hundreds of years — and from measurements of strain along Californian faults.

Italian guerrillas kill one after police make arrests

ROME, Dec. 22 (AP) — Italian police have arrested 16 persons in an anti-guerrilla dragnet in a dozen cities and commandos have retaliated hours by kidnapping four persons and killing the son of an officer.

The fatal strike came Friday in Verona where the son of Antonio Maritati, a chief of the local anti-crime squad, was ambushed and shot near his home, police said.

Other urban guerrillas wounded in the legs two chief nurses in Milan's Policlinico Hospital, a foreman of automaker Fiat in a street ambush in Turin and a business consultant in an office

raid in Rome.

Those arrested were mostly from Milan. They were all charged with setting up an armed gang. They included university professors in Milan, Florence and other cities. One of them was Francesco Gavazzoni, son of Gianandrea Gavazzoni, one of Italy's leading orchestra conductors, who learned about the arrest shortly before a performance in Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida* at Turin's Regio Opera House. Also arrested was Mauro Borromeo, 50, administrative manager of Milan's Roman Catholic University of the Sacred Heart.



WELCOMED: Former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is shown as he was welcomed in Hong Kong Saturday. Ali visited a Vietnamese refugee camp there, and he was given a rousing reception by a crowd of refugees. He responded by hugging and kissing the children on the cheeks.

In Hong Kong

Vietnam refugees welcome Ali

HONG KONG, Dec. 22 (AP) — Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong Saturday gave retired boxing champion Muhammad Ali the most tumultuous welcome since U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale visited this British colony in September.

The three-time heavyweight champ was mobbed by Vietnamese children during his 45-minute tour of the North Kaitak Camp which houses some 10,000 boat people.

Ali's response was swift and seemingly genuine. He hugged and kissed the refugees and chased them around and the refugees in return ran after him.

Ali entered the camp dressed in an immaculate black suit but when he left, it was covered in dust and rumpled.

Unlike the Shamshuipo Camp which Mondale visited, there were no American flags, colorful balloons or posters appealing for

American assistance to resettle the refugees.

However, one refugee official said "Mondale's visit was too well organized. Although the welcome accorded Mondale was more tumultuous, it lacked spontaneity."

There was no welcoming committee for Ali except a few children who presented the boxer with a homemade Christmas card. However, the crowd swelled to such an extent that he could hardly move.

When he entered the makeshift huts housing the refugees, the crowd shouted "Ali, Ali."

Ali then proceeded to kiss and hug every Vietnamese child he came into contact with.

Just before he left the camp, a dozen of the children lined up in a room and sang a Vietnamese song entitled "Vietnam", in which the children expressed their love for their country.

In reply, Ali said, "I am very

happy to witness something that shouldn't be here at all. You are beautiful, humble and nice people."

"God loves you all," he added. Ali urged the world organizations, including religious and government bodies to help the Vietnamese refugees.

IRA claims letter bombs

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — A man who said he spoke for the Irish Republican Army claimed responsibility Friday night for a bomb-in-the-mail guerrilla campaign against "establishment people" in Britain.

A total of eight booby-trapped Christmas gifts have been sent so far this week to British business tycoons and a government cabinet minister, Employment Secretary James Prior, who became the first political target in the bombing wave.

The telephone caller to the Dublin office of the British

Mostly Amin troops

Over 1,000 detainees released by Kampala

KAMPALA, Dec. 22 (AP) — More than 1,000 detainees have been released from Luzira Prison in Kampala, most of them former soldiers under ousted President Idi Amin.

Friday's releases were ordered by Internal Affairs Minister Paulo Muwanga, who warned them, "You should not regard our kind act as a mistake. If you go back (to villages and home areas) and get stubborn, you will be dealt with accordingly."

Luzira Prison still holds some 3,000 more detainees in conditions of severe overcrowding. It was built to hold 1,800.

Almost all the remaining detainees are believed to have been members of Amin's State Research Bureau and Public Safety Unit, secret police organizations used to terrorize the population.

In his address to the prisoners before their release, Muwanga said that the soldiers should not expect to rejoin forces with the remnants of the Amin army, most of whom fled to southern Sudan.

Meanwhile in its final decision on cabinet changes proposed by President Godfrey Binaisa, the National Consultative Council,

the interim parliament, accepted Binaisa's ouster of Yoweri Kyemira from his post as minister of industry.

Kyemira's shift to the newly formed ministry of transport, along with the council's earlier decision to accept Binaisa's reshuffle of former Minister of Defense Yoweri Museveni to regional cooperation, are apparent victories for Binaisa in his struggle with the legislature.

But although the council accepted having the ministry of defense remain in Binaisa's hands, it did not go along with his choice of Lawrence Sebasa as the new minister of industry, and instead selected Onodding Okui.

In regard to other cabinet changes, announced by Binaisa a month ago, the council accepted his choice of Ephraim Kamuntu, the former head of the Central Allocations Board, as the new minister of commerce, but has not yet decided who will fill the posts of minister for presidential affairs or minister of state office of the president.

Several new ministries proposed by Binaisa were rejected by the council and former Minister of Commerce P. Kaboha, who Binaisa slotted for the ministry of rehabilitation and rural development, finds himself without a portfolio. The council also rejected the creation of a ministry of forestry and fisheries.

No official announcement of the changes has been made yet, but speaking about the decision, one council member said, "It was a compromise move." He said that acceptance of many of Binaisa's proposals was not a show of weakness on the council's part, and added that the 15 council standing committees recently set up to investigate various ministries were an effective check on executive power.

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U.S. scientists stress danger in use of chemical

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Researchers at the National Academy of Sciences have warned that the U.S. ban on chlorofluorocarbons as aerosol propellants is not enough to eliminate the serious threat to human, animal and plant life from the depletion of the earth's protective layer of ozone.

Two committees of the National Research Council, an arm of the academy, called for cutbacks in other chlorofluorocarbon uses in flexible foams for cushions and other products, in dry cleaning and in sterilizing medical instruments.

They urged that steps be taken to reduce the leakage of the chemicals from auto air-conditioners, both in the initial manufacturing stage and when mechanics routinely drain it from the air-conditioners.

The academy's initial warning about ozone depletion in 1975 led to the sharp drop in use of the chemical in aerosol propellants, and that use was finally banned last April. The panels exhorted other nations to follow the lead of the United States and Sweden in banning the non-essential use of chlorofluorocarbons as propellants for spray cans.

But they said that will not be enough, and that growing use of chlorofluorocarbons for other purposes may offset the gains from the ban on their use in spray cans.

The council repeated earlier warnings, including one made in a report last month, that unless their use is curtailed, chlorofluorocarbons ultimately could deplete the ozone layer by 16.5 per cent.

That could mean thousands of more deaths from skin cancer each year in the United States alone, and hundreds of thousands of more cases of non-fatal skin cancers.

Austrian soldier sentenced to life for murdering 2

VIENNA, Dec. 22 (R) — A former Austrian Army corporal has been jailed for life for killing two soldiers and wounding two others at a United Nations camp in the Middle East last year.

Helmut Aldrian, 28, was Friday found guilty by a Vienna court of double murder and attempted murder in a wild shooting spree in October, 1978, while on duty with other members of the U.N. peace-keeping force in the Golan Heights.

The court found that Aldrian killed Werner See, 20, and Rudolf Hinteregger, 20, wounded two other Austrian soldiers and then tried to shoot himself.

Prosecutor Wolfgang Novak said a report by psychiatrists, who examined Aldrian showed he had killed not because he was totally drunk but out of cold deliberation.

Aldrian told the court he would appeal against the sentence.

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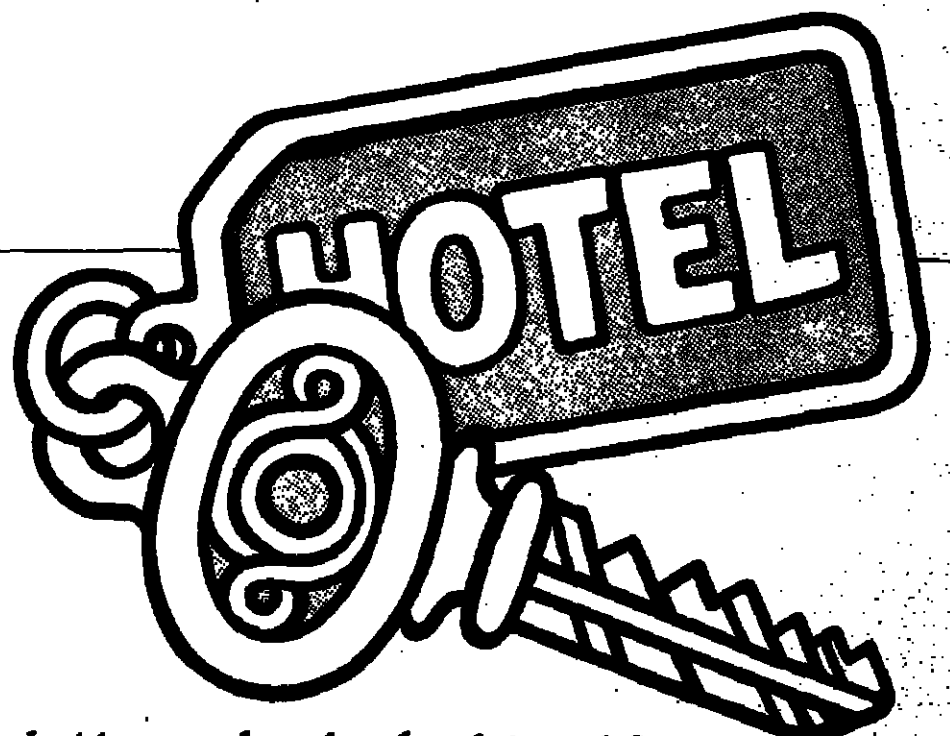
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Hat-trick by Ward saves struggling Brighton

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP) — Peter Ward netted a brilliant hat-trick to lead relegation struggler Brighton to a shock 3-1 win against Wolverhampton Wanderers in First Division soccer on Friday night.

Ward, scorer of just one goal in last 15 matches, struck twice in the first half and added a third before Mel Eves replied for the home team.

It was Brighton's second away of the season and lifted it five points clear of bottom team Bolton, which slumped to a 3-1 defeat at Middlesbrough.

In First Division matches were played Friday night with three other games scheduled for Monday. The Crystal Palace vs. Arsenal match was one of League games postponed after a snowed-out Britain.

The weather was at its worst at the hour, where Norwich staged a comeback to share the points in a 1-1 draw with Arsenal.

Goalkeeper Kevin Keelan kept the match with a series of superb saves but could not stop Stephen Stapeleton's scrambled 55th minute goal. But Kevin Bond

equalized for Norwich and the visitors nearly snatched both points when John Ryan rattled the bar with a long range effort.

Arsenal's north London neighbor Tottenham took an early lead against Ipswich when Don McAlister nodded home a simple goal in the 15th minute. Ipswich went on to dominate the match, however, with goals coming from Paul Mariner and Arnold Muhren before the break and from Eric Gates in the second half.

It was Ipswich's fifth win in six outings.

Leeds United took its unbeaten record to six games by scoring a 2-0 win over struggling Stoke City at the Victoria Ground. Impressive teenager Terry Connor and Carl Harris netted first half goals.

Southampton scored its fourth successive away win with a 1-0 victory over Bristol City at Ashton Gate. Mick Channon got the only goal of the game.

Bolton's slump continued at Ayresome Park. The bottom club fell behind to a fourth minute goal from David Armstrong and John Craggs and Terry Cochrane piled

on the agony. Bolton's score came from a Willie Morgan penalty.

Results

Division One			
Arsenal	1	Norwich	1
Bristol City	0	Southampton	1
Ipswich	3	Tottenham	1
Middlesbrough	1	Bolton	1
Stoke	0	Leeds	2
Wolverhampton	1	Brighton	3
Aston Villa	1	Coventry	0
Division Two			
Barnley	1	Wrexham	0
Fulham v Bristol Rovers	postponed	ground unfit	

Leicester	0	Cardiff	0
Luton	1	Charlton	0
QPR	1	Birmingham	0
Prison	1	Watford	2
Sheff Wed	2	Sheff Wed	1
Swansea	0	Oxford	1
Westham	3	Cambridge	1
Division Three			
Barnley	2	Blackpool	1
Bury	4	Doncaster	2
Carlisle	0	Gillingham	2
Chesham	3	Rotherham	1
Exeter	3	Colchester	1
Hull	0	Blackburn	1
Mansfield	0	Plymouth	0
Reading	0	Sheff Wed	2
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Sheff Wed	2	Southend	0
United			
Lillingham v Chesterfield	Millwall v Swindon		
Oxford v Wimbledon	all postponed	— snow	
Division Four			
Accrington	2	Northampton	2
Barnford	2	Hartlepool	0
Doncaster	0	Darlington	1
Huddersfield	1	Kendal	1
Lincoln v Hereford	postponed	ground unfit	
Newport	1	Peterborough	1
Portsmouth	2	Port Vale	2
Scamthorpe	1	Hull	0
Stockport	4	Torquay	0
Tranmere	1	Albion	2
Wigan	2	Crow	0
York	0	Walsall	1

Navratilova sees family again after Czechs grant exit visas

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 22 (AP) — Miroslav Navratil was his daughter's first tennis coach. In the four years since her defection, he has been nurturing Martina Navratilova's career by phone from Czechoslovakia.

This week, for the first time since September 1975, the 23-year-old tennis star was reunited with her family.

"This is the best Christmas present anyone could ask for," she

said after introducing her mother, her father and her teen-age sister to the press.

"He has been trying to coach me over the phone," she said, grinning at her father. After Wimbledon (where she took singles and doubles titles) he criticized some shots.

The family has been unsuccessful in obtaining exit permits from the Czech government for two years, but about a month ago, Navratilova said, the permits were granted.

"It was a political step as well as a human rights step," Navratilova said.

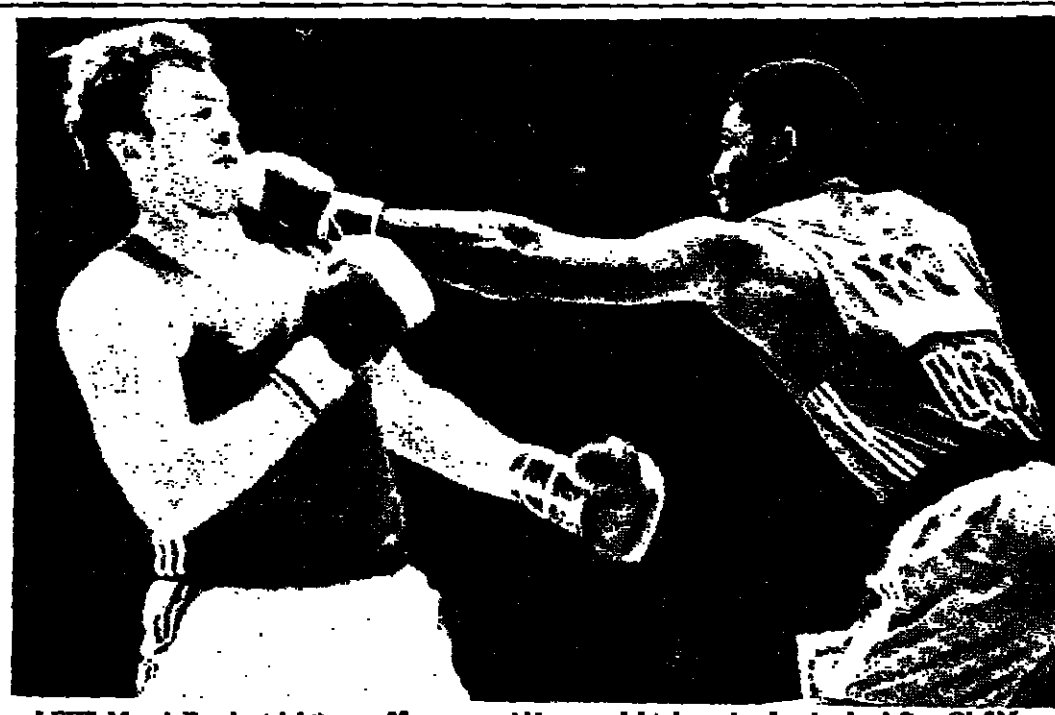
Her prowess on the tennis courts and "the fact that I have become very well known" probably accelerated the permit process.

"Even though I will be an American citizen, hopefully next year, I am still promoting Czechoslovakia. I am still called 'the tennis player who defected from Czechoslovakia'. Fifty years from now, I'll probably be called that tennis player who defected from Czechoslovakia 50 years ago."

She hinted the family might stay on after their tourist visas expire, but said only "we will wait and see" when pressed.

Navratilova brought her family a house eight doors from her north Dallas home, "so they can have some privacy" during their year-long stay.

Martina's father now coaches 16-year-old Jana, although Martina said her sister has "not been given adequate practice time in their hometown of Revnick."



LEFT: Marvin Frazier (right), son of former world heavyweight champion Joe, lands a left on Oskar Mayer of Austria during the final fight of Japan's recent world junior amateur championships. He won when the referee stopped the bout.

After New York deaths

WBC tightens knockout rules

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22 (R) — The World Boxing Council said Friday that any boxer knocked out in a WBC fight must now have a compulsory 60-day rest with no contact training during the first 30 days.

It also decreed a rest of 180 days after 30 days after two consecutive knock-outs and a rest of one year and a complete medical examination after three consecutive knock-outs.

The WBC also announced the

introduction of an international boxing passport or license which will contain a boxer's complete fight record, a medical report of every bout and a medical clearance for the boxer's next contest.

The medical checkups include a mandatory "computerized axial tomography" to detect any organic damage, regardless of size or importance.

In a statement the WBC said the new regulations were aimed at humanizing boxing by avoiding

fatal accidents. It added: "WBC has never had a fatal accident in any world title fight or other fight of the card since its constitution in 1963 and is its goal the humanization of boxing to secure its existence."

The statement deplored the recent death of American middleweight boxer Willie Classen, New York. Classen died in hospital on Nov. 28 without regaining consciousness after a bout five earlier against compatriot David Scypion.

The WBC said it would sponsor a world seminar and workshop on boxing managers and trainers May to instruct them properly in "neurological, physiological, dietetical, conditioning and other important medical matters."

The New York State Athletic Commission has just completed an investigation into Classen's death and a number of similar reforms are likely to be in operation when boxing resumes the next month.

In Valladolid, Spain, meanwhile, Spaniard Carlos Hernandez took the European super featherweight boxing title from compatriot Rodolfo Sanchez by a unanimous points victory over 12 rounds Friday night.

Defeated by Australia

West Indies take stock of failure

BRISBANE, Dec. 22 (AP) — The chips are down for the West Indies, one-day cricket world champions, as they prepare to meet England in a vital Benson & Hedges limited over match at the Brisbane Cricket Ground today.

"We must win to have chance of making the final," West Indies manager Willie Rodrigues said.

The West Indies were in a state of bewilderment Saturday after an exciting win by Australia in the World Series Cup match in Sydney Friday night.

"We now have managed only one win from four games. That puts us at the back of the field and can tell you I don't like it there," Rodrigues said.

England, under the astute and nyielding captaincy of Mike Brearley, has three wins from three games to be clear leaders in the series.

Australia is lying second with two wins from five matches. Each team will play a total of eight matches in the World Series limited over competition, with the two leaders moving on to the finals to be fought out over the best of three games starting in Melbourne on Jan. 20.

Rodrigues said the West Indies racked under the constant pressure of the Australian attack.

"The Aussies bowled extremely well and they backed it up with one good fielding."

"We are preparing ourselves mentally so we won't crack under pressure against England."

Good news for the Windies was Viv Richards' nagging groin injury



SWING: Ian Botham swings at a ball from Dennis Lillee and is caught behind in the second English innings Test against Australia in Perth last week.

having eased, despite eight overs at the bowling crease Friday night.

"Viv cooled down well, probably better than since any time on the tour so far," Rodrigues said.

Meanwhile, England team manager Alec Bedser said his team's resolve and strengthened since losing the first Test in Perth last week.

But Bedser admitted he sus-

pected Sunday's match at the Gabba might be the most difficult of the series.

He said much would depend on the start given by veteran opener Geoff Boycott, fresh from his stout 99 not out in Perth.

Boycott, in the one day games, has been able to cast aside his usual dour approach, to score runs quickly.

Undaunted by surgery, Ashe plans return

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — Arthur Ashe, who helped open up tennis to blacks and professionals, is attempting another pioneering effort. He wants to be the first player to return to tournament tennis after undergoing a quadruple bypass heart operation.

The 36-year-old tennis star suffered chest pains earlier this month. Tests revealed that he had a blockage around four of his arteries.

Dr. John Hutchinson, who performed the three-hour bypass procedure Dec. 13, says Ashe's prognosis is excellent.

"The proof of the pudding will be his reaction to stress," Hutchinson said Friday at St. Luke's Hospital, where he and Ashe met the press. "It was a good thing he had an athlete's heart. It sustained him through his acute condition."

"I've never performed this operation on an athlete in the peak of his professional career before, just persons over the hill. I think Mr. Ashe's circumstances are quite unusual."

Ashe won the first U.S. Open in 1968, paving the way for rich purse money and tennis for the masses. In 1975, he outfoxed Jimmy Connors to win the Wimbledon title. Leg and eye problems in 1977 dropped him to no. 257 in the world computer rankings, but

76ers humble Houston team

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers have come up with something new.

"They put up a little karate defense; they chopped up our guards," charged Del Harris, coach of the Houston Rockets, whose club was beaten by the 76ers 117-106 Friday night.

Billy Cunningham, coach of the 76ers, denied he had been handing out black belts.

"We went to zone traps," he said of the double-teaming defensive tactics. "We created turnovers and that built up our momentum. Our guards did great jobs and our bench helped us out."

While the aggressive defense disrupted the Rockets, forward Julius Erving took care of the scoring for Philadelphia with 39 points.

In other National Basketball Association games Friday night, the Boston Celtics beat the San Antonio Spurs 133-114, the Seattle SuperSonics downed the New York Knicks 121-102, the Phoenix Suns defeated the Chicago Bulls 127-117, the San Diego Clippers topped the Utah Jazz 110-98, the Portland Trail Blazers edged the New Jersey Nets 100-97 and the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Golden State Warriors 114-108.

Boston raised its home record to 16-1 and its overall mark to 27-7, best in the NBA, overcoming an early 10-point deficit and pulling away behind a 79-point second half. Rookie Larry Bird led the Celtics with 26 points, 14 rebounds, six assists, three steals and two blocked shots.

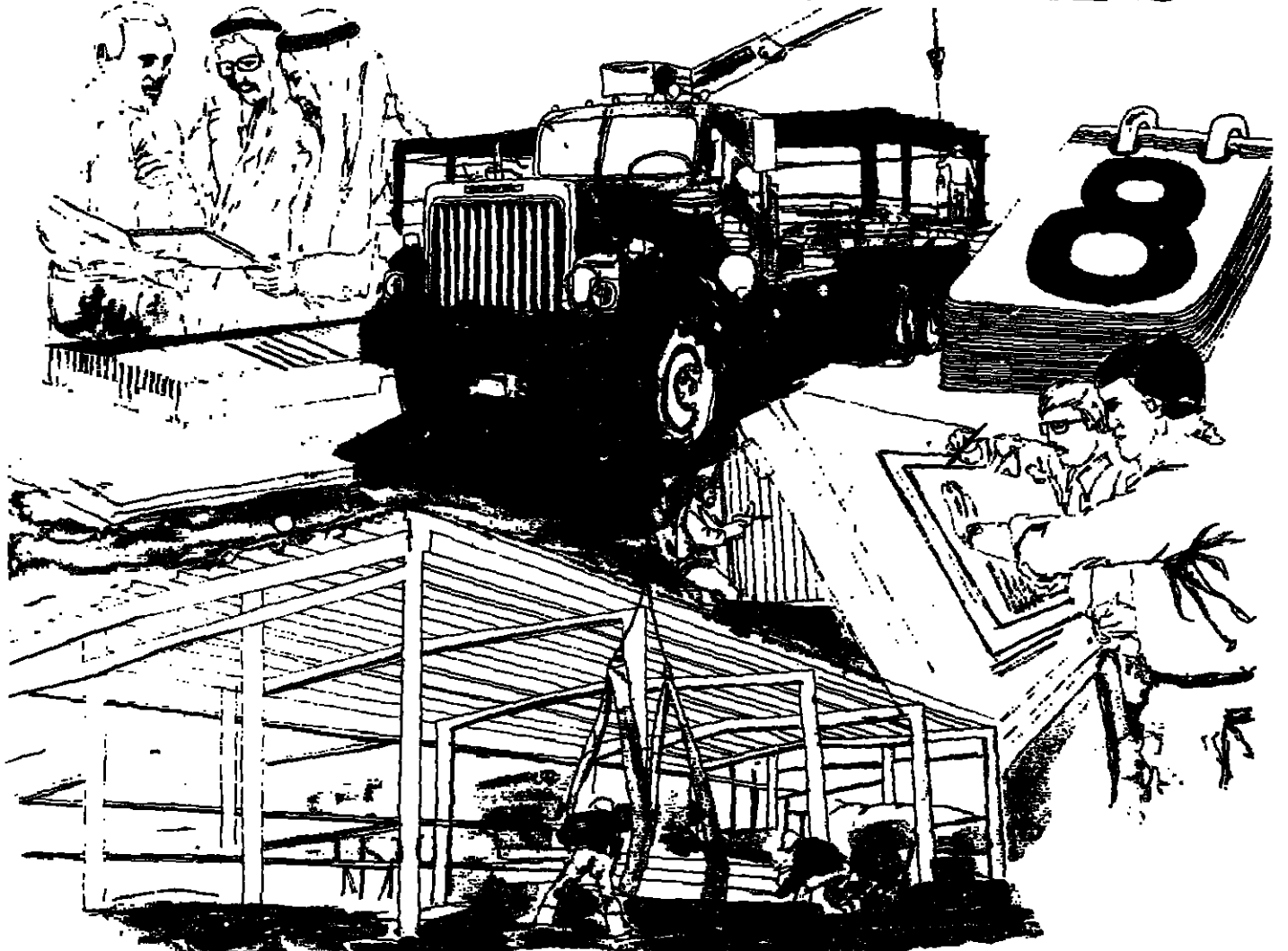
Seattle led all the way in handling New York's fourth straight loss. Guards Dennis Johnson and Gus Williams had 21 and 20 points, respectively, for the Sonics. James Bailey, a little-used rookie, added 20 points and 11 rebounds.

better than I did two, three or four years ago when I was playing with severe arteriosclerosis."

Ashe, who expects to be released from the hospital soon, plans to begin light exercise early in January. "My training plans revolve around very formal stress tests," he said. "I will, in effect, go to the tennis courts hooked up with a monitor. If I'm doing well, I'll keep going. If I'm not going so well, I'll stop. By next summer, we'll know."

Hutchinson has given Ashe the green light.

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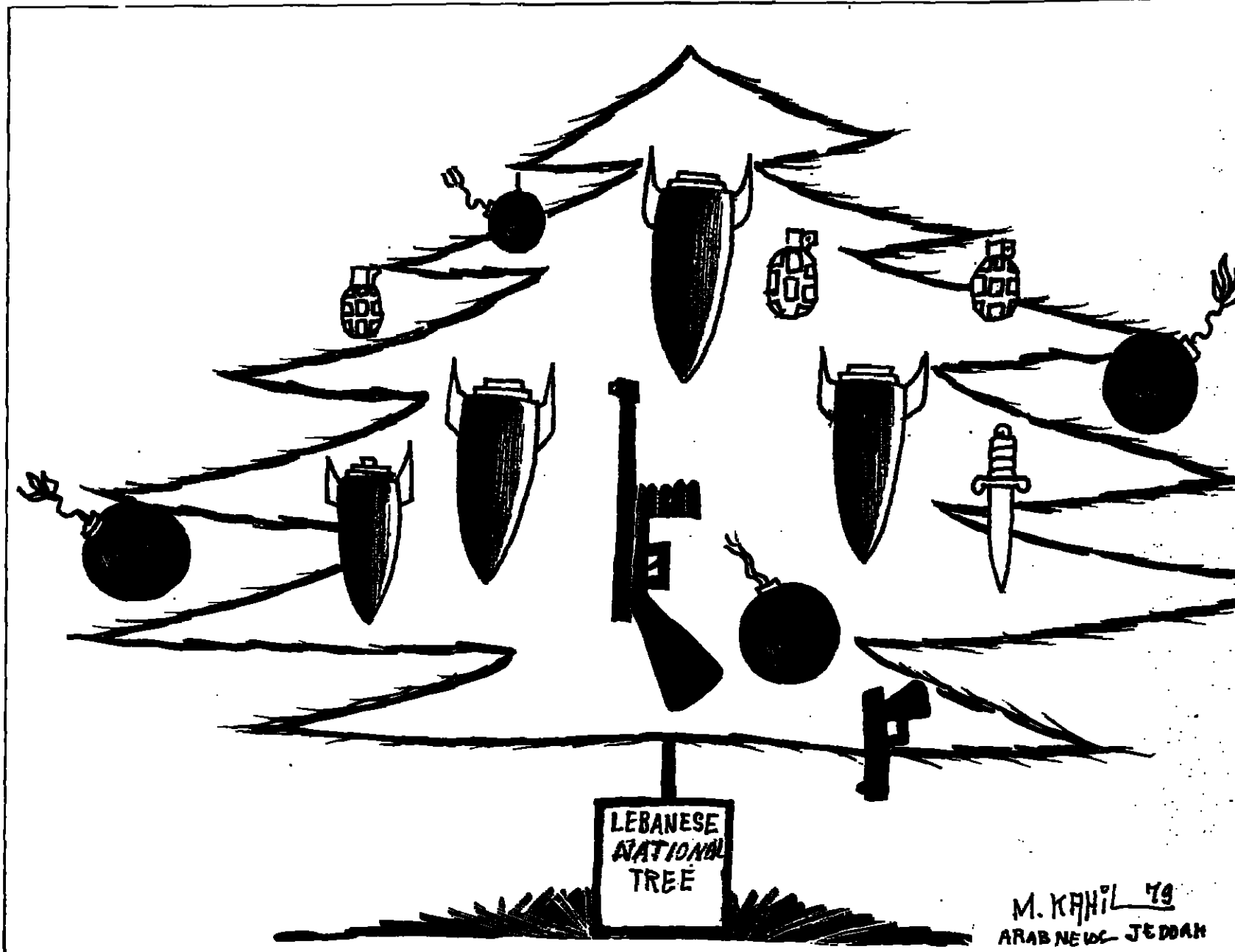
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Specter of fascism haunting Israelis

By Michael Adams

For Jewish readers, nothing in the vocabulary of politics carries heavier overtones than the word fascism. So it comes as a shock to find the word appearing more and more frequently these days in the Israeli press and to find that those who use it, in a mood of the gloomiest foreboding, are intent on warning their compatriots of the spread of fascist attitudes — not among the enemies of Israel, but among the Israelis themselves.

A few weeks ago, for instance, advertisements appeared in a number of Israeli newspapers signed by several dozen intellectuals and calling for the introduction into the syllabus of Israeli schools of a course in the history of fascism. Young Israelis, the advertisements said, were aware of fascism only as it had affected the Jewish people. Someone who had not been alive in the heyday of fascism and who was unfamiliar with the "patriotic" slogans of its leaders or of the "democratic" methods they had employed, could not be expected to understand the dangerous deviations that we are witnessing today as far as the principles of democracy and the guarantees for human rights (in Israel) are concerned. Without experience or the necessary instruction in the matter, it was impossible for the younger generation to distinguish between a proper sense of patriotism and a spirit of nationalism that was "arrogant, repressive and imbued with elements of fascism."

Dr. Amnon Kapeliouk, a leading Israeli journalist whose book *La Fin des Mythes* was a devastating criticism of the faults of Israeli policy which led to war in 1973, takes this advertisement as the text for a long article in the December issue of *Le Monde Diplomatique*, just as he pointed in his book to the mistakes of Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan (the aggressive nationalism, the lack of sensitivity to outside opinion, the insistent landgrabbing in the occupied territories and the arrogant militarism which proved Israel's undoing in 1973), so in this current article he dwells on the "various disturbing phenomena which have combined recently to awaken the vigilance of those who are concerned for the future of democracy" in Israel.

First among these phenomena he lists the present rate of inflation in Israel, now running at somewhere in the region of 150 per cent; and Kapeliouk makes the point that it is no longer only the poorer classes who are paying the price of inflation, but now also the *petite bourgeoisie*, of whom he remarks that "we know from experience that it provides the best soil for the growth of the fascist ideology." Remarkably that the reverses, both economic and political, which Begin's right-wing government has sustained have created a mood of deep disillusionment, he produces a sinister quotation from *Yediot Aharanot*, a newspaper with one of the largest circulations in Israel, whose editor seemed to be advocating a totalitarian regime when he wrote, three

months ago:

"If we do not achieve economic independence under a democratic regime, we shall be obliged to opt for one which is less democratic, provided that it is strong enough and firm enough to ensure our survival, for our existence is more important than the individual freedom of each one of us."

The extent to which moral values in Israel have been undermined by the continuing military occupation of territories populated by more than a million Arabs has become familiar theme for discussion among liberal-minded Israelis. Kapeliouk provides some startling examples of the racist attitudes now prevalent toward the Arabs, whose effect on the younger generation of Israelis he deplores and which recently led a deputy of the opposition labor party, Yossi Sarid, to voice this warning:

"Resistance leads to repression, which strengthens the resistance, which leads to more severe repression; and one fine day we, the Israelis, will look at ourselves in the mirror and find unbearable the cruel and repulsive face we shall see reflected there. We want not only to liberate the Palestinians from military domination; we want also to liberate ourselves from its effects."

It is over the future of the occupied territories that Israeli society is most divided; it is here too that "those who are concerned for the future of democracy" see the greatest threat to the maintenance of legal and democratic standards. For the extremists, who have their spokesman within the cabinet of Begin and in the religious establishment as well as among the zealots of Gush Emunim, the fanatical settler movement which the government seems unable to control, there is a higher sanction than either democracy or the law. A recent immigrant from the Soviet Union spoke for them when he said, in an Israeli television program last month:

"The greater Israel (embracing the occupied territories) is preferable to democracy and its laws. When these laws prevent the settlement (by Jews) of Eretz Israel, it is time to install a dictatorship."

It is in the occupied territories too that the contrast between the profession and the practice of Israeli democracy is most stark. There, as Kapeliouk observes, are to be found "two quite distinct categories of inhabitants: the Arabs, deprived of the most elementary rights, and the Jewish settlers, who have all the rights." The Jews vote in parliamentary elections and, if they commit crimes, are brought before the civil courts. The Arabs are tried in military tribunals and have no representation in parliament. The relentless expropriation of Arab land for the benefit of Jewish settlers is transparently racist both in intention and in its effect — and the process (which led to the dispossession of most Arab landowners inside Israel itself in the 1950s) is not confined to the occupied territories. The Knesset recently passed a law — against which it stipulated that there could be no appeal — providing for the dispossession of 40,000 bedouin in the

Negev, Israeli citizens, all of them, provoking the civil rights champion, Shulamit Aloni, to complain that to discriminate openly against certain citizens on the basis of their racial origin was to make Israel a racist state.

For those Israelis who are fearful of the onset of fascism it is the Minister of Agriculture, Ariel Sharon, who symbolizes the dangers. It is Sharon who provides official backing for the Gush Emunim settlers, even to the point of supporting them — a curiosity for a cabinet minister — in their defiance of a supreme court injunction to evacuate the controversial settlement of Elon Moreh on the outskirts of the West Bank town of Nablus. (The government, while nominally accepting the court's ruling, has so far hesitated to enforce it.) It is Sharon who stumps the country, preaching — especially to the younger generation — an ominous brand of chauvinistic nationalism. "The most dangerous enemies," he told the Knesset in October, "are not the members of Gush Emunim — real pioneers, its a pity there aren't more of them — our enemy is subservience to foreigners, the self-hate that you are always encouraging, which springs from unhealthy motives." And his speech to university students in the Negev a fortnight later was even more resonant with the clichés of European fascism in the thirties:

"The essential danger lies not in our economic or military situation, but in the lack of national objectives and values... The hour of truth has struck, but this may last for years."

Against such demagogues, more and more Israelis are voicing their anxieties; not so much in the political parties, but among intellectuals, from whom the popular movement Peace Now draws much of its support. "Fascism shall not prevail" is now one of the movement's favorite slogans, showing clearly enough which way its members think the wind is blowing. The divisions, the polarization within Israeli society, are almost complete when a man like Assaf Dayan, son of the controversial figure who recently resigned from his post as Begin's foreign minister, can say "I do not feel that I belong to the same family, the same people, as the members of Gush Emunim."

In bringing together these various strands in a pattern which he and many other Israelis find profoundly disturbing, Amnon Kapeliouk sees a crucial role for the Jews of the diaspora, with their generally liberal inclination. Representing as they do almost the only remaining allies of Israel, they too are profoundly uneasy about the direction that matters are taking in Israel. As ever, they are reluctant to let their voices be heard which heightened the shock when the violinist Isaac Stern, a lifelong friend of Israel, lamented recently:

"If the present government maintains its policy, if it continues to project this image of Israel abroad and among the Jews of the diaspora, I do not know how much longer Jews like myself will be able to keep up their links with Israel."

Yugoslav Communists digging own grave?

By Mark Frankland

BELGRADE

"The Yugoslav Communist Party," the Central Committee official said enthusiastically, "is the only political organization in the world that is digging its own grave."

The idea that the Yugoslav party should not play the boss like the other Communist parties in Eastern Europe and that its role will diminish as social developments is an important part of the Yugoslav theory of Communism. It is treated, it must be said, with considerable skepticism both by some Yugoslav and foreign experts.

For one thing the party, or the League of Yugoslav Communists as it is properly called, has not been reluctant to use and declare its power at moments of crisis. Thus Stane Dolanc, a member of the Central Committee Presidium said in 1972: "It must be quite clear to us that we Communists are in power for, if we were not, then this would mean that someone else is, and this not so, nor will it ever be."

At a more humdrum level everyone has stories about Communists throwing their weight around. Recently a Yugoslav magazine described how factory elected a woman as its new managing director. All the Yugoslav system's rules of self-managing democracy were observed. The only trouble was that the woman was not a member of the League of Communists.

The higher authorities delayed confirming her appointment. Then they asked her to join the league. The woman refused, saying she was either fit to do the job or not joining the party would no change that one way or the other. She did not get the job.

But the situation is more complicated than suggested by Dolanc's statement (made after a nationalities' crisis that had threatened the unity of the Yugoslav federation) or the story of the woman director. It is complicated because the Yugoslav Communists are trying to reconcile two things that are very difficult to reconcile.

The first is the claim that the Communists — the "most responsible, most progressive and most conscious section of the working-class", to quote Dolanc again — have the right to leadership. The second is the democratic ideals of the Yugoslav system of workers' self-management, which has its roots in Marx's belief that the state would fade away.

A long conversation with the party secretary of a commune in the Croatian capital Zagreb (the commune is the basic unit of local government) indicates that there are people in the League of Communists who really do want to pursue the democratic ideal.

The secretary, an ex-journalist in his thirties, insisted that Communists were beginning to operate in a different way because the latest changes in the self-management system demanded it.

Now the party had to operate within the self-management system, not as a force outside it. "Many party members," he said, "cannot understand this new situation and there is resistance because they do not want to lose power."

He gave, as an example of the new order, changes in the Croatian republic's railways. Until recently there was a party committee for the railways. It was closely linked with both the administration of the railways and the senior party bodies of the republic, and it was, in effect, the boss of the railways.

This had now changed. The party committee had been abolished, and instead the party has to work through the Basic Organizations of Associated Labor into which the railway system, like every other Yugoslav enterprise, is divided (a Basic Organization of BOAL may have as many as 300 workers).

How is the party going to work through the Basic Organizations? First, there must be party organizations in each one. What Communists shouldn't do, the secretary said, is to try to dictate to the workers in the BOALs. This had happened recently in a Zagreb enterprise that was choosing a new managing director.

The party organizations in two of the BOALs had recommended that a certain candidate be chosen. Unfortunately each had chosen a different one. The enterprise's workers' council (its parliament, so to speak) was thus left to choose between two Communist candidates and was unable to make up its mind.

What should have happened, he said, was that the party organizations should have just given their opinions on all the candidates for the job without pushing their own choice. And if the workers' council then elected someone the party didn't think much of?

"That would be no tragedy and it would be legal. But the party organizations would then have to re-examine their own judgments to see if they had been mistaken." — (OFNS)

IRAN'S CHALLENGES

As if the external confrontation with the United States was not dangerous enough, the internal difficulties facing the regime continue, especially where it concerns Iran's numerous minorities. There was Khuzestan, then Kurdistan, then Azerbaijan and now, last to flare up, there is Baluchistan.

There convulsions have raised once more the specter of an Iran disintegrating into five weak, squabbling states, whose subjugation to foreign interests would be easy. The Iranian leadership is wary of this danger at present, and is meeting head on the challenges from the extreme left and extreme right, whose aims converge on inflicting this mortal wound on the Iranian state.

The threat facing Iran at present is one which the Arab countries have had to face — not always with the requisite wisdom and resolution. There has always been in the Arab world, as in Iran, those all too ready to adopt foreign creeds inimical to the traditions and values of their societies, and to seek the overthrow what has been so laboriously achieved over long periods of time. Sectarianism and adventurism have unfortunately always been endemic to these lands.

But in addition to these, inciting and augmenting them at every turn, there are those whose interests are a weak and divided Arab and Muslim worlds, who see in the Arab states of the Gulf a prize especially ready for plucking. The conspiracy to liquidate the Palestine problem having so dismally failed, at the terrible cost to the Arab side of the loss of Egypt, the enemies now strive to outflank the Arab side by hitting at the Gulf.

It is for this reason that the Israelis especially have been inciting armed intervention in the Gulf, offering bases as well as their grisly "expertise" for help in any such move. These, one can be sure, have other concerns than the welfare of the hostages in Tehran. They seek entry to the area and influence in its affairs before anything else.

The Arabs have to watch these moves very carefully. The jackal is inciting the eagle to attack. The jackal has another prey in mind, this much is certain, and to pursue that prey he has to ensure the widest possible conflict.

Newspapers Saturday mostly led with the royal orders on new appointments in the Ministry of Defense and Aviation. In a lead story, *Okaz* reported Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the minister of petroleum and mineral resources as saying that an oil surplus in the free market was expected to bring down its prices, while *Al-Riyadh* said in a headline story that the Caracas conference has presented the consumer countries with two options: to pursue the policy of purchasing oil at any price or to limit consumption.

In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* reported that King Khalid and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan were to meet in Riyadh on Saturday for mutual consultations.

In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* reported that Saudi Arabia and France were negotiating the renewal of oil agreements between the two countries, and further reported the Qatari news agency as saying that a summit of Algeria, Libya and the PLO would be held in Algiers this

week to resolve the dispute between Libya and the PLO. *Al-Medina* highlighted Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's announcement that Saudi Arabia would maintain the price of its oil at \$24 a barrel.

The Gulf Arab Information Ministers' conference, which began in Riyadh on Saturday, to map out a plan for a unified strategy on information, received front-page treatment in the newspapers.

In a commentary on the American hostages in Iran, Hisham Ali Hafiz said in *Asharq Al-Awsat* Saturday that, after the Shah's departure from the U.S., the Americans and the Europeans have been able to meet some of the bridges that had collapsed during the Iranian revolution. Many thought, and especially those who were sympathetic with the Iranian revolution, that a new era of love and fraternity would dawn on Muslim Iran. Everyone thought that the revolutionaries would usher in a new era of brotherly relationship with the states of the

region and with the rest of the world and that they would work together to end tyranny and to restore freedom, so that the banner of Islam should flutter again over Iran.

The publisher-writer regretted that this did not happen, nor did he see any cause for optimism in the future. Probably, the anti-Islamic Communist and leftist organizations have influenced even the Ayatollahs and plundered the weaponry of the Iranian army, with the result that every organization has its own arsenal.

Those organizations believe that Persia is not allowed to take its independent course but to continue trailing in the galaxy of the socialist jamahiriya and democratic countries. No wonder if they also add another humdrum adjective — Islamic — to the revolutionaries' symphony.

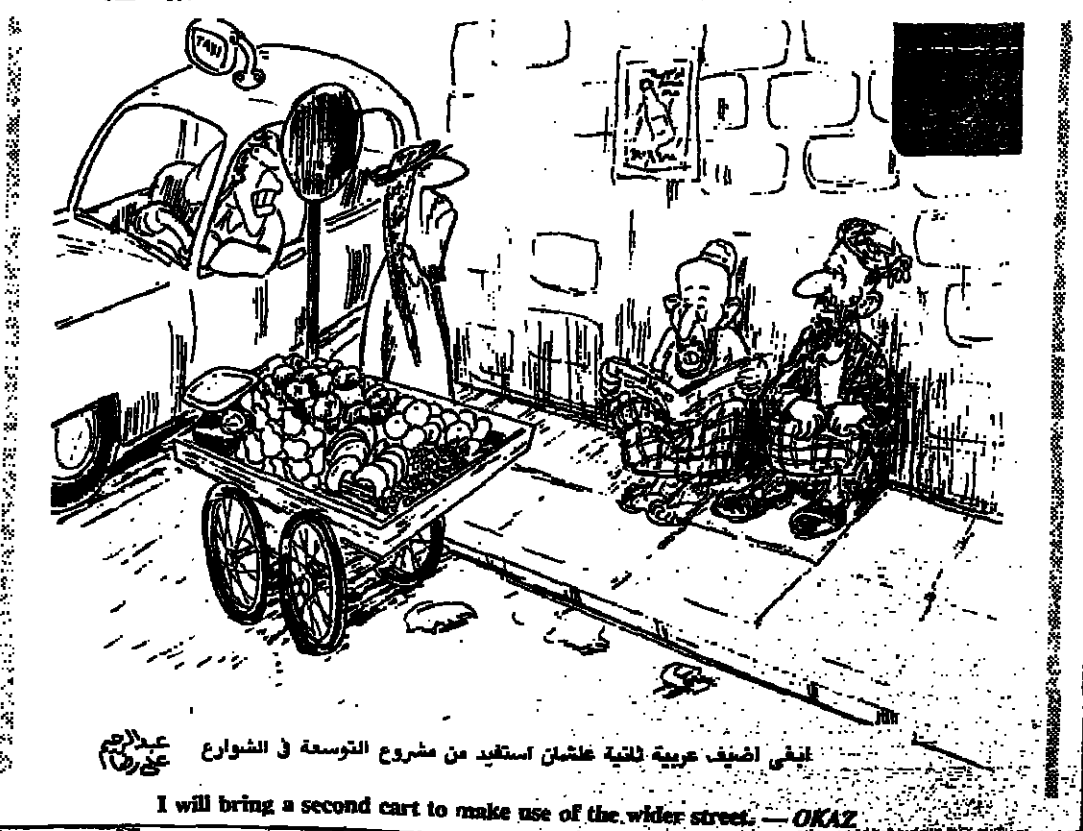
He wondered how the young boys could leave their studies and come to capture an embassy, take diplomats as hostages and refuse to release them until the Shah is returned to them. He said that

they were aware that every international norm guaranteed their protection. Moreover, the handcuffed but loud-mouthed leadership of Iran also knows that no one in the world approves this mad act which could create chaos in the world in case if it becomes a successful precedent.

The writer asked why it was done to Americans only? The Shah, who is now fighting death, was earlier in Egypt, Morocco and Mexico before he went to the U.S.

Anyone interested in the events could tell who would benefit from the collapsing links which had been repaired after the Shah's departure. Iran, he said, has entered the "game of the nations" from the big door, while the Ayatollahs are ignorant of their victory over the Shah. Describing the Iranian events as a "calamity", the writer said the biggest calamity was that the events were taking place in the name of Islam and under the banner of Islam.

Referring to the frequent rumors on the Soviet arms supply



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Arab News Features

A growing awareness of Islam

A woman's lonely battle in Caracas

By BOB LEBLING

CARACAS — Although Venezuela is a founding member of OPEC, the government and people here are woefully ignorant about Islam, the religion and culture of most of their partners in OPEC.

So says Maria Luisa Fernandez, professor of history and Islamic studies at Andres Bello Catholic University in Caracas and founder of this country's first center of Arab and Islamic studies. Fernandez, 27, is an energetic and dedicated scholar who has devoted her career to improving her country's understanding of Islam and the Arabs.

Venezuela's key role in OPEC over the past 25 years has done little to improve the Venezuelan public's stereotyped and misguided view of the Arab and Islamic worlds, Fernandez says. "The people here are living in the time of the Spanish Inquisition or even the Crusades," she said. "When you talk about the Muslim religion here, people say, oh, the Muslims, they are against the Christians."

The Venezuelan government is not much better, Fernandez noted. "Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti is just about the only high official interested in the Arabs and Islam. The rest of them would rather focus on Europe or the United States. They're just not interested in the Middle East, strangely enough."

Recent events, however, particularly the past year's developments in Iran have led Venezuelan officials and the public at large to begin asking questions about Islam and the people who practice it.

For the most part, they turn to Maria Fernandez for the answers. Her Center of Arab and Islamic Studies at the Catholic University has become a kind of information clearing house for Venezuelans who need detailed and accurate facts and analysis on Islamic life and culture.

The center, built around a reference library and a yearly seminar, has attracted Venezuelan diplomats due to be posted to the Middle East, businessmen interested in dealing with Arab and Islamic countries, as well as others with a professional or academic interest in the region.

The center is small: its library holds barely 100 books, and Professor Fernandez and a student assistant are its only staff. But it has won the respect and admiration of the Arab and Islamic embassies in Caracas. And it is viewed by knowledgeable Venezuelans as the best source of information on Islam available in the country.

"The center is part of the university but we want to become independent. With the help of money from foundations, we hope to set up the center outside the university so that we can provide a broad range of services."

"Over the past year, I've been loaded down with work because of visits from the Ministry of Energy and Mines, people coming from other universities, asking questions and wanting me to lecture."

"It's impossible for one person, with a single seminar, to provide all this information."

Fernandez's specialty is history, but events have forced the center to expand its area of study to include politics and economics.

"There's been an increase in the number of people who want this sort of information," Fernandez said.

"I teach history because the way to understand the present is to study the past. The past doesn't give you solutions, but it gives you an understanding of the present situation."

"For example, I am not an expert in politics or economics but I can understand something of what has happened in Iran by going back into history."

funding of 95 per cent of the costs of the first mosque in Latin America, to be built here in Caracas. Fernandez's Center is involved in the \$16 million mosque project, which is to get under way next February.

Fernandez is providing the project's architects with information on Islamic art and architecture

dispensary, a conference hall, an audio-visual section, rooms for visiting-guests and a school.

The mosque project has encountered minor difficulties from two different directions.

Local Zionists have opposed the project, she said, although Sephardic Jews in Venezuela have

Fernandez conceded this "neglect" was probably due to the fact that the government was relatively new in office and "could not take care of everything in its first year."

But she said the Arab and Islamic embassies here feel they are being neglected by the Herrera government and "that is some-



Venezuela's Minister of Energy Humberto Calderon Berti and Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani in Caracas.

including the plans of a number of North African mosques.

"I visited all the mosques of the northern part of Africa, with a special letter from the Imam of Caracas, Sheikh Mustafa Al-Hamshari. They were kind enough to give me the plans of the mosques."

Al-Hamshari, who directs the Islamic school here, is also involved in the mosque project.

The mosque will be part of a larger complex which will serve not only Venezuela's 40,000 Muslims, 15,000 of whom live in Caracas, but also the non-Muslim community here as well.

The complex will include a large library linked to Fernandez's Center, an Arabic language laboratory, a cafeteria, a medical

been surprisingly in favor of the mosque.

"The Sephardi are more generous in culture and much more open to improved relations among Christians, Muslims and Jews," Fernandez said.

The second problem the mosque has encountered has been the Venezuelan government.

The previous government of President Carlos Andres Perez donated the land for the mosque, Fernandez said. "It was a gift to the Islamic and Arab countries represented in Venezuela."

But the new government of President Luis Herrera Campins "has ignored or I should say neglected this project, and they think it is not important."

thing very dangerous."

Energy Minister Calderon Berti and Public Works Ministry official Hugo Fonseca have been exceptions, she said. Both are quite interested in the Mosque.

Perhaps, she said, these men represent the beginning of a new Venezuelan attitude about Islam and the Arabs, an attitude that could gain much wider acceptance with the help of people like Maria Luisa Fernandez.

"Caracas is very big. But at least we have people here and there getting involved."

The mission of the Arab and Islamic studies center at the Catholic university is to show Venezuelans that Islam is potentially a valuable friend of the west.

"Step by step," she said, "I think we'll be able to do that."



President Nixon in Alexandria with President Sadat in 1974

White House Years Sadat expels the Soviets (VI)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Sadat's expulsion of the Soviets on July 18, 1972 came as a complete surprise to the United States. Kissinger wrote in the last instalment. Though Washington sensed that all was not well between Cairo and Moscow it was taken aback by Sadat's decision. Kissinger believes that the Soviets put their alliance with Cairo at risk when they made no significant moves at the U.S.-Soviet summit that year. This is the last excerpt from Kissinger's memoirs concerning the Middle East.

Whatever the reasons for the Soviet's embarrassment, we were intent on making use of the opportunity. My first need was to calm down Dobrynin. On July 20, I told him truthfully, if a bit coyly, that we did not know what was going on in Egypt; we had had warning. We were prepared to continue our exploration of the "principles" issued in Moscow; Dobrynin must have recognized this as essentially a placebo. That afternoon he brought me a letter to Nixon from Brezhnev. With amazing chutzpah, Brezhnev's letter argued that the Soviet departure from Egypt was in part an implementation of the troop withdrawal proposal presented by Gromyko to Nixon in September 1971; a down payment, as it were, in the offer to withdraw Soviet troops. Thus, it was argued, the

of action. On July 29, therefore, I returned a reply to Cairo reaffirming our willingness to conduct confidential talks, which I described as "potentially extremely important."

With respect to the Egyptian statement that these talks can proceed only on the basis of new U.S. proposals, the U.S. view is as follows: In all the previous successful negotiations conducted at the White House level, the parties have first sought and achieved in preliminary discussion an understanding on the principles and general direction of an agreement before engaging in concrete negotiation. New proposals that led only to a new stalemate would serve neither side's purpose. Therefore, the U.S. side proposes that initial contacts concentrate on a detailed discussion of what is realistically achiev-

received a long and extremely subtle message from Cairo. It informed us that the expulsion of Soviet advisers was a purely national decision, not taken "to please or displease anyone"; in other words, Egypt asked for no special consideration because of it. The message complained of the disproportionate influence that Israel appeared to have on American policy; it recited Egypt's disappointment with the diplomatic exchanges of the previous years, and Egypt's willingness to reopen the Suez Canal. None of this, it was said, was put forward as a precondition for talks.

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assurance that we would meet with "open heart." I knew too little about Egyptian psychology then to respond with comparable humanity; somewhat less poetically, I stated that we were prepared to enter the talks "with an open mind to determine what useful role can play in promoting a just settlement."

These secret talks are designed to develop a course of action that can lead to the implementation of Security Council Resolution 242. The big issue is to define practical measures to accomplish this. It serves nobody's interest to make empty promises. This is the meaning of the term realistic.

The two sides, meeting in a spirit of goodwill, should explore all possibilities with a view to beginning a continued exchange of serious and open views.

While these exchanges were taking place, Soviet Foreign

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Henry Kissinger

United States was now under an obligation to fulfill its part of the bargain, namely to influence Israel toward a settlement "whose center-piece should be the liberation of all Arab territories occupied by it in 1967." I saw no point in debating this mind-boggling demand; I repeated my offer to explore the Moscow principles. It was the best way to gain time to find out what Cairo was thinking.

We did not have long to wait. The same day I received a report that the chief of Egyptian Intelligence had the day before approached us in the secret channel. He stressed that we should take seriously Cairo's invitation to come up with new ideas as a prelude to a secret high-level meeting. The Egyptians, we were told, were especially interested in an interim agreement along the Suez Canal.

I still did not want to get involved in offering "new" ideas that might only disappoint Sadat and abort the contract at the beginning. I preferred a general exploration to enable us to determine what was feasible before committing ourselves to a course

able. This is the essence of the matter, and the only justification for the direct involvement of the President. If detailed agreement can be reached on this, then detailed proposals can be devised.

Nothing significant was heard from Sadat during August. Two new prospective intermediaries made their appearance: an Egyptian who claimed to be a friend of Sadat, and a European businessman asserting high-level Egyptian contacts. While in the early phases of approaching another government I was generally prepared to explore many different avenues, I never undermined the integrity of a valid channel once it was established. The two self-appointed intermediaries were therefore gently turned aside. That Egypt had not yet settled its course became apparent on August 22 when we were told in the secret channel that Sadat was still considering his response, but it would come soon; then we told that a few more days would be needed. On September 4 we were advised that Sadat accepted the talks in principle but would ask for some "clarification" in a few days. Finally, on September 7, we

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Algeria raises price of crude to \$30 pb

ALGIERS, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Algerian Oil Minister Belkacem Nabi announced Friday night that the price of a barrel of Arabian light would increase from \$24 to \$30.

Nabi made the announcement on returning from the OPEC conference in Caracas which ended Thursday without members agreeing on a uniform price.

Prices will be fixed for the next three months in line with conditions on the oil market, the minister said.

He said Algeria would make every effort to ensure the success of the next regular OPEC conference, to be held in Algiers in June.

The organization's oil ministers agreed to study the question of prices again in two or three months' time.

Both Libya and Nigeria said earlier they would increase their prices to \$30 a barrel and Algeria had been expected to follow suit.

All three countries produce high-quality crude oil.

The \$30 a barrel price is the highest amount charged by OPEC members on the general market.

Meanwhile, the industrial world and money markets reacted grimly, calmly and philosophically Friday to news of OPEC's failure to fix a new price structure.

Dealers on the bullion and foreign exchange markets said the news came as no surprise, and the dollar remained steady. Gold, which had hit record prices from the middle of last week on expectations of dearer oil, fell back for the second day running.

U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan said that the break-up in Caracas of the price-fixing meet-

ing without any agreement was something which threatened U.S. national security and economic well-being.

He predicted that the immediate impact of the OPEC meeting would be to add another one per cent to America's current inflation rate of about 13 per cent.

In Brussels, the European Common Market Energy Commissioner Guido Brunner, said "oil price anarchy" would only worsen current uncertainties on world markets, but the failure of the OPEC conference was no cause for despair, he thought.

Uncertainties, he said in a statement, were preferable to false hopes aroused by sham unity.

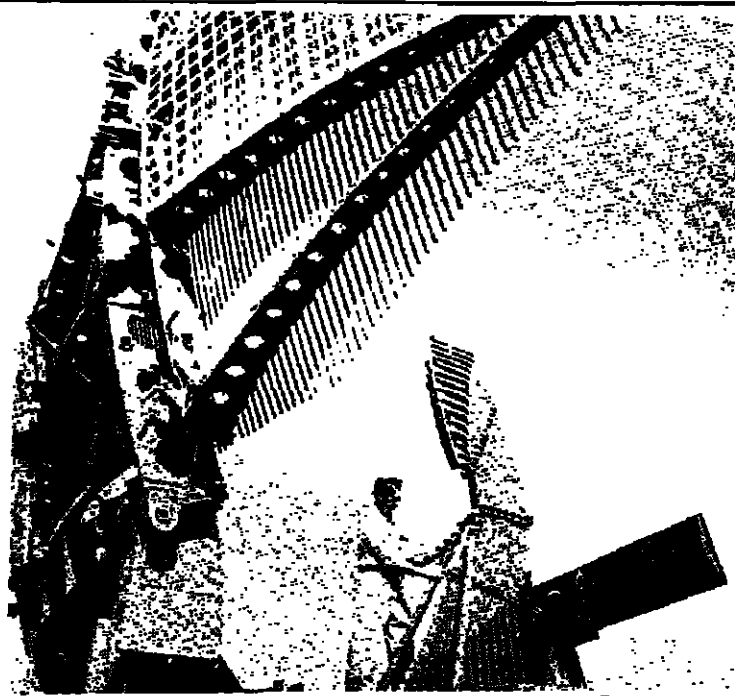
He said OPEC was no longer able to keep order on world markets or fix unified prices. It lacked a production policy and had no clear attitude towards the dollar, the main currency used to price and pay for oil.

Forecasts for growth in Western industrial countries would have to be scaled down, he said. Even zero growth rates could not be ruled out and there would be more inflation and more people without jobs.

But the European community was in a position to cope with the new problems, he said.

The community had sufficient oil reserves of 116 days to get through the winter.

Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira Friday instructed his cabinet to tighten oil conservation following reports that Japan would probably face an oil import bill next year of about \$53 billion compared with an anticipated \$32 billion this year.



RADAR UNIT: An engineer puts the finishing touches to the AN/TPS-43, one of America's most advanced sophisticated radar units. The U.S. Air Force says that the unit is probably the best in the world for detecting high-speed, low-flying aircraft.

Brazil's inflation rising at 75% a year

BRASILIA, Dec. 22 (OFNS) — Brazil is sliding toward economic and political crisis as the country's military leaders face the greatest challenge to their rule since they seized power in a coup 15 years ago.

On Dec. 7 Gen. Joao Figueiredo, the president, made a nationwide television broadcast in which he announced a 30 per cent devaluation of the cruzeiro, and other measures to help the country's foreign trade, and appealed for the 120 million Brazilians to work together to stem the rising tide of inflation.

A decade-and-a-half ago, the military overthrew the last civilian government and vowed to stem inflation. This year the cost of living has, according to official calculations, been rising at 75 per cent a year — and official calculations consistently tend to underestimate the problem. It is now approaching the level it reached in 1964, when the army ousted President Joao Goulart as a reaction to his left-wing sympathies and his alleged economic incompetence.

The rising cost of imported gasoline and growing trade union pressure for wage increases have contributed to the soaring cost of living. Ten years ago the military would have smothered the unions and imprisoned their leaders. Today Figueiredo and his supporters in the army have committed themselves to gradual political liberalization. Thus they cannot use strong-arm methods without scrapping their political strategies and courting increased unrest.

Popular discontent with the government is bad enough as it is. Two weeks ago Figueiredo was booed and stoned by students and workers while visiting Florianopolis, a small town in the prosperous southern state of Santa Catarina, which had no previous record of political militancy.

Devaluation of the cruzeiro, which will mean higher prices for imported goods and yet another

jump in the cost of living, could strain Figueiredo's credibility even more and cause new political crises.

But the president has little option. He has to cut imports and boost exports if Brazil is to keep its massive foreign debt under control. For more than a decade successive military governments have borrowed heavily from foreign bankers to finance rapid economic growth, the so-called "Brazilian miracle."

For years foreign bankers fell over themselves to lend to a military government which presented itself as a model of financial orthodoxy, and which took tough measures against the left.

As a result, Brazil's foreign debt is an enormous \$52 billion, and massive bills for oil imports and faltering exports have knocked its financial strategy awry.

The weight of foreign debt is now nearly too great for the country to bear. If Brazil one day found itself unable to pay on time, it could send a seismic wave through the world's financial markets.

Oil imports blamed

Bonn trade surplus falls

BONN, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — West German foreign trade surplus dropped last month to 1.51 billion marks (\$0.84 billion) because of the rising cost of oil imports, the National Statistics Institute has announced.

The foreign trade surplus in October had stood at \$one billion. In November the surplus stood at nearly \$two billion.

In a separate development, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Friday that West Germany is increasing its financial aid to developing nations, but needs to make further efforts to reach the goal of 0.7 per cent of gross national product (GNP) set by the OECD.

Analysts see higher inflation

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — It looks as though some Wall Street analysts just can't get into the holiday spirit this year.

They dismiss those visions of lower interest rates that have been dancing in a lot of people's heads lately as nothing more than an illusion.

And all the hopeful talk of some progress against inflation in the new year? Not likely, they say.

One of the most prominent forecasters in this group is Henry Kaufman of Salomon Brothers, whose annual prediction early this month came down to this: "We expect the rate of inflation to resist downward pressure and perhaps even accelerate for much of the coming year."

"Interest rates in the U.S. will continue to rise at least early in the year, setting new postwar highs."

Amid such concerns, the stock market drifted indecisively through the past week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, which had chalked up gains of about 10 points in each of the three previous weeks, slipped back 3.3 to 838.91.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index dropped .62 to 61.73, on the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 1.83 to 242.44.

Big Board volume averaged 41.09 million shares a day, up from 36.31 million the week before, as investors scrambled to match up gains and losses for 1979 tax purposes.

Though his assessment of the outlook was hotly disputed in some quarters, Kaufman is by no means alone in his views.

"The fact of the matter is that both inflation and economic activity have continued to demonstrate surprising resilience," Donald Maude at Merrill Lynch Government Securities noted recently.

What this means to many observers is that the Federal Reserve's credit-tightening effort launched in early October has yet to show much sign of achieving its goal of getting inflation under control.

There were preliminary estimates published late in the past week that the gross national product will show an increase of 1 per cent, after adjustment for inflation, when the final figures for the fourth quarter are in.

In effect, that suggests that the recession that analysts began looking for as long as two years ago, and that some proclaimed a reality as early as last spring, probably has been postponed again.

In particular, there were signs that December — the peak of the crucial Christmas selling season for the nation's retailers — has turned out stronger than a lot of people believed it would be.

Hugh Johnson, analyst at First Albany Corp., concluded from the Fed's recent behavior that it decided to ease up a little bit in its credit policy this month.

The intent, he speculated, might not have been to make any important shift away from the stringent approach the Fed declared it was taking in October, but simply to

take the pressure off until the first of the year.

Such a decision, he said, might have been aimed not only at giving the retailers a chance to have a decent holiday selling season, but also at allowing Wall Street firms to handle the normally heavy year-end tax-switching activity in bonds without taking another beating like the one many suffered two months before.

In addition, oil-exporting countries were busy posting new price increases during the month, and the Fed might have wanted to help the economy absorb that jolt.

In early January, he said, the central bank's actions will bear close watching to see whether it has any plans for further tightening, or believes it can begin to loosen up.

"I don't want disaster, but I do want to see some signs that things are slowing down," said Johnson.

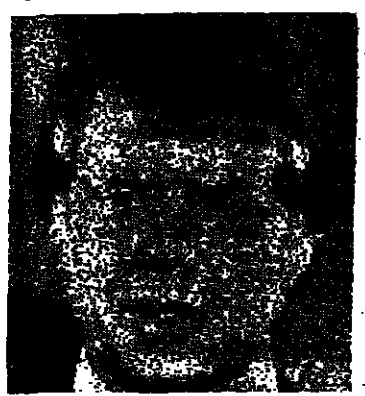
"If all the forecasts of a recession are wrong again, it's no time for the Fed to be easing monetary policy."

Carter lifts price curbs on tar-like oil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — President Jimmy Carter has lifted U.S. price controls on an expanded amount of tar-like heavy oil.

A White House announcement Friday estimated that Carter's action would result in the production of an extra 140 million barrels of oil between now and 1986.

On Aug. 17, Carter decontrolled the price of heavy crude with a specific gravity of up to 16 degrees. He now has amended the order so it affects all heavy crude with a specific gravity below 20



President Carter

degrees. At the same time, Carter asked Congress to impose the "windfall profits" tax on the oil affected by Friday's action.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.37	3.377	3.3725
Pound Sterling	7.42	7.46	7.45
Deutsche Mark (100)	195.00	196.00	195.25
Swiss F (100)	211.00	213.00	211.00
French F (100)	83.00	83.40	83.40
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	42.50	41.85
Lebanese Lira (100)	102.00	102.00	102.00
Syrian Lira (100)	78.50	78.50	78.50
Egyptian Pound	4.50	4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.31	12.35	12.35
Jordanian Dinar	11.35	11.35	11.35
Emirates Dirham (100)	89.50	89.80	89.80
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.25	91.25	91.25
Bahraini Dinar	8.95	8.95	8.95
Iranian Riyal (100)	9.50	9.50	9.50
Iraqi Dinar (100)	74.50	74.10	74.10
Moroccan Dirham (100)	80.00	80.00	80.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.20
Gold kg.	53,100.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	6,190.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.42	—	14.18
Canadian Dollar	2.86	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	119.00	119.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	176.00	176.00	176.50
Spanish Peso	—	51.00	51.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	47.00
Singapore	—	—	1.57

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JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON THE 22ND DECEMBER 1979

VESSELS DISCHARGING				
BERTH	VESSEL	AGENT	TYPE OF CARGO	ARRIVAL
3	Abul Wahe	S.E.A.	Reefers	18-12-79
48th	China	Red Sea	General	20-12-79
49th	Ingarle	Sir	Reefers	21-12-79
5	Blal De Sao Bros	O.C.E.	Apples	18-12-79
6	Mahavijay	S.E.A.	Bag. Barley/Gen.	15-12-79
7	Europe R	S.M.S.C.	Sorghum/General	21-12-79
8	Anshengshun "C"	Algeria/Gen.	Bag. Barley/Gen.	17-12-79
9	Atlantic Reefers	O.C.E.	Veg./Chickens	13-12-79
10	Jyolim Maru	Alfina	Vehicles	22-12-79
11	Benadir	O.C.E.	Eggs/Apples	18-12-79
12	Davao	O.Trade	Bananas	18-12-79
13	Godefruf	A.E.T.	Containers	18-12-79
14	Odyseus	Rotaco	Bulk Cement	17-12-79
15	Tsuru Arrow	Alasab	Bulk Cement	22-12-79
16	eWest	S.E.A.	St/Gen./Phywood	21-12-79
21	Capeton Marlow	Kanoo	Containers/General	14-12-79
22	Tourus	M.T.A.	General	18-12-79
23	Saronic Reefers	Alasab	Meat	19-12-79
24	Manco Plo	Alasab	Frozen Poult	13-12-79
25	Addiryah	Kanoo	Containers	22-12-79
26	Rihwafa	Alfina	Containers	22-12-79
388th	Middle Victory	O.Trade	Gen/General	22-12-79
389th	Amrah "A"	Alvoni	Dum/Oil Cake	19-12-79
40	Scapwell	S.C.S.A.	Bag. Wheat/Barley	14-12-79

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SHIP MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 3.2.1400/22.2.1979 — CHANGES PAST 48 HRS.

1. VESSELS DISCHARGING.				
BERTH	SHIP	AGENT	CARGO	ARRIVAL
8	Doros	Kanoo	General	17-12-79
10	Penta-Y	Gulf	Loading Urea	13-12-79
12	Luna Meersk	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	21-12-79
13	Taloun	SEA	General	19-12-79
15	Kooovo	Kanoo	Gen/Timber	21-12-79
16	Maharastrm	SEA	General/Conts.	19-12-79
18	Strathelgin	Kanoo	Gen/Conts.	21-12-79
19	Barge On — 116	Kanoo	Loading Pipes	12-12-79
21	Pacific Leader (D.S.)	Alfinsa	Bulk Cement	17-12-79
27	Orient Trader	UEP	Sugar In Bags	19-12-79
29	Asia Sembo	Gulf	Gen/Steel	20-12-79
32	Isocell	UEP	Barley In Bags	12-12-79
36	World Youth (D.S.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	26-11-79
38	Strathel	Gosabli	Cement in Bags	14-12-79
2. RECENT ARRIVALS.				
	Sea Glory	AET	Cars	21-12-79
	Kosovo	Kanoo	Gen/Timber	21-12-79
	Onitilus	Qurashi	Containers	20-12-79
	Luna Meers K	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	21-12-79
	Stafelnia	Alfinsa	General	20-12-79
	Strathelgin	Kanoo	Gen/Conts.	21-12-79
	Hongkong Island	UEP	Gen/Conts.	20-12-79
	Telencos	Barber	Gen/Conts.	20-12-79
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SCHEDULED EURO BONDS

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following is the Calendar of Eurobond and Foreign Bond offerings with tentative terms, indicate manager and offering date where available. Coupons and yields are on an annual basis unless otherwise indicated.

EURODOLLAR BONDS

European Coal and Steel Community, 50 million dollars, due January 1990, 11.625% at 115.39, first call at 101 in 1985, Goldman Sachs International Corp.

Canadian Co. of Canada Ltd., 30 million dollars, due January 1985, 11.25% at 99.5 to 115.39, first call at 100.5 in 1983, Societe Generale.

EUROMARK BONDS

Standard, 150 million marks, due January 1987, 8%, Dresdner Bank.

light-Services de Electricite S.A., guaranteed by Brazil, 125 million marks, due 16 May 1990, 8.5%, repayment in installments after five years produces 8-year average life, call at 102 on 16 Jan. 1986, Westdeutsche Landesbank, 20 Dec.

OTHER EUROBOND ISSUES

M France S.A., 120 million French francs, due January 1985, 11.875% at 99.5 to yield 11.625%, Banque Nationale de Paris.

Volume of scheduled Eurobond offerings totals about the equivalent of 268 million in volume of scheduled Eurobond offerings a week earlier.

FOREIGN ISSUES

European Investment Bank, 500 million Austrian schillings due January 1990, 8% at 99.5 to yield 8.07%, Creditanstalt Bankverein.

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SCHEDULED EURO BONDS

December 19

following is the Calendar of Eurobond and Foreign Bond offerings with tentative terms, indicate manager and offering date where available. Coupons and yields are on an annual basis unless otherwise indicated.

EURODOLLAR BONDS

European Coal and Steel Community, 50 million dollars, due January 1990, 11.625% at 115.39, first call at 101 in 1985, Goldman Sachs International Corp.

Canadian Co. of Canada Ltd., 30 million dollars, due January 1985, 11.25% at 99.5 to 115.39, first call at 100.5 in 1983, Societe Generale.

EUROMARK BONDS

Standard, 150 million marks, due January 1987, 8%, Dresdner Bank.

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OTHER EUROBOND ISSUES

M France S.A., 120 million French francs, due January 1985, 11.875% at 99.5 to yield 11.625%, Banque Nationale de Paris.

Volume of scheduled Eurobond offerings totals about the equivalent of 268 million in volume of scheduled Eurobond offerings a week earlier.

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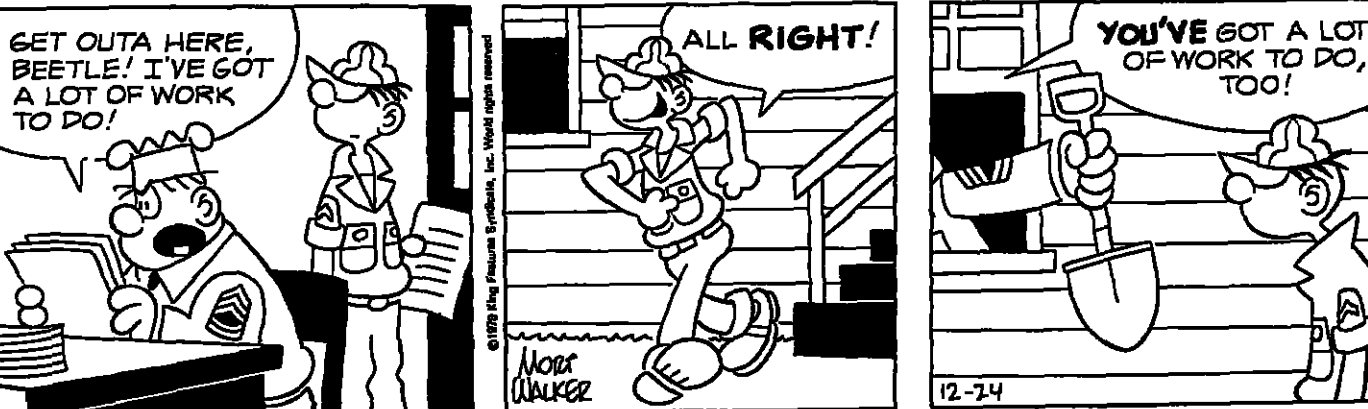
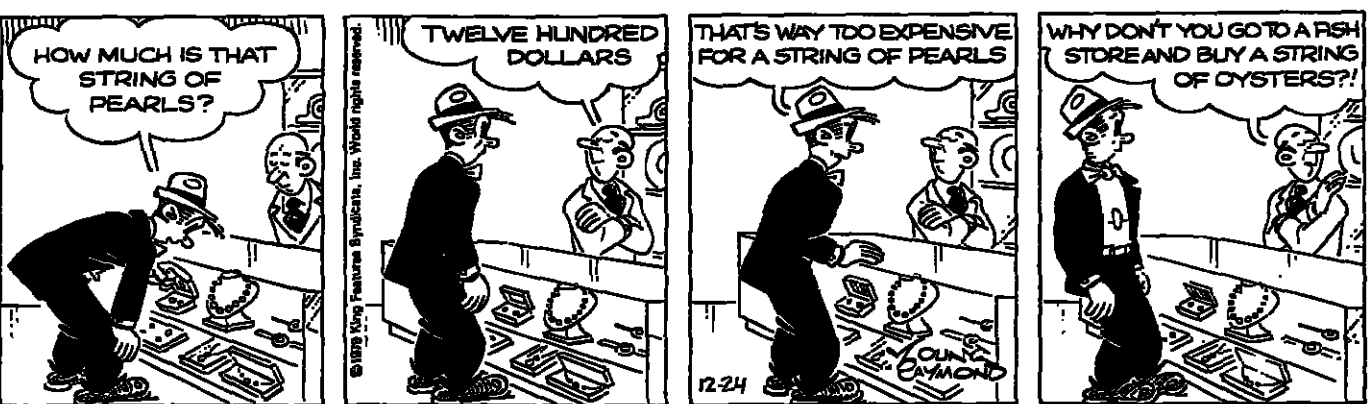
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Among

9 Village

12 Reasoning

13 Serving need

14 Without

15 One: Ger.

16 Roman

17 Macaw

18 Snake

19 Martini

20 Ingredient

21 Unfeeling

22 Arduous

23 Journey

24 Broom buddy

25 Cacophonous

26 Summers

27 Refer to:

28 Laid

29 Psychic's

30 "And This

31 Musical note

32 Before

33 Southern

34 state: abbr.

35 Chisholm

36 and Oregon

37 Insect

38 "Mr.

39 President,"

40 e.g.

41 Skin

42 condition

43 Lack

44 "Fuzzy"

45 fellow

DOWN

1 "The Ball"

2 1882 song

3 "Elena"

4 1933 song

5 Answer to

6 "How's

7 things?"

8 Outcast

9 V.I.P.

10 Mollie

11 Ruthless

12 Lat.

13 Complete

14 Dental

15 problem

16 Tail

17 Cohort

18 Heavy

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20 Fuss

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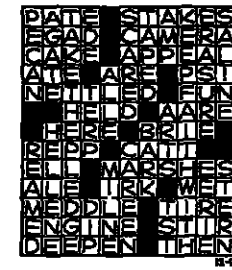
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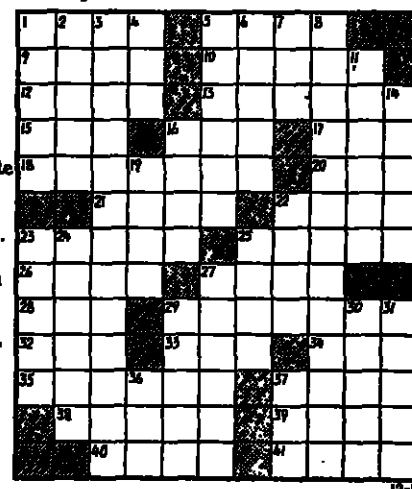
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

A X Y Z L A A K R

L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

E K Y M R H L T Z L B R W J K Y B E B

J V V B K Y E - E J V B T S E W Z B L

T R D R D I R T - D O T E R X T O Q R S V R T

Yesterday's Cryptquote: WHEN A MAN ASSUMES A PUBLIC TRUST, HE SHOULD CONSIDER HIMSELF AS PUBLIC PROPERTY. - THOMAS JEFFERSON

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Keep Your Eye on the Ball

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NORTH

♠ 5

♥ 7 6 5 4

♦ Q 8

♣ 10 9 7 6 2

WEST

♠ 8 5

♥ 10 9 8 5 2

♦ 10 7 4

♣ A K 5

EAST

♠ J 10 6 4 3

♥ 7 5

♦ J 9 8 3 2

♣ 8 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 7

♥ A Q 3

♦ A K 5

♣ Q J 3

The bidding:

South West North East

3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead - Jack of hearts.

The great majority of

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of the common garden

variety. A player who errs

generally knows better than to

correct the particular error

he makes, but, for some

unexplainable reason, he

takes his eye off the ball at a

critical moment. As a result,

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inordinately for a relatively

innocent miscalculation.

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South failed to make three

trumps in a fairly routine

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

Sunday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib/Isha
Mecca	5:36	6:02	12:26	3:30	5:47 7:17
Medina	5:40	7:06	12:28	3:26	5:42 7:12
Nejil	5:6	6:36	11:54	2:53	5:09 6:39

DHAHRAN TV

4:30	Children's Show	Sesame Street No. 1193
5:00	Safety Film	I'm no fool As A Pedestrian
5:55	Sanford And Son	The Wedding
6:25	Operation Petticoat	Dooley is a Daddy
6:49	Oregon Trail	Evan's Vendetta
7:37	Man in a Suitcase	Find the Lady
8:26	Baretta	It's a Boy
9:09	Warship	The Prize

VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00	News Roundup: Reports: Actualities: Opinion: Analyses
8:30	Dateline
9:00	News Summary: Special English: News: Feature: The Making of a Nation: News Summary
9:30	Music USA: (Standards)
10:00	News Roundup: Reports: Actualities
10:05	Opening: Analyses
10:30	VOC Magazine: America: Science: Cultural: Letter
11:00	Special English: News
11:30	Music USA: (Jazz)
12:00	News newsmakers' voices: correspondents reports: background features: media comments: news analyses.

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2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Saudi Tableau	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 The World Atlas
2:30 Off the Record	9:45 Companions of the Prophet
3:00 NEWS	10:00 Arabic by Radio
3:10 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Leaps and Bounds	10:25 S.A. - A Daily Chronicle
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 The Evening Show
3:40	11:00 Dates of Remember
3:50 Closedown	11:10
	11:15 Late Evening Hits
	11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	12:00 Closedown

(French Service)

Morning Transmission	Evening Transmission
8:00 Ouverture	7:00 Ouverture
8:02 Lumiere sur le Coran	7:02 Versets et Commentaires
8:15 Musique	7:15 Musique
8:30 Bonjour	7:30 L'Arabe par la Radio
8:35 Varietes	7:45 Pensees
8:45 Orient et Occident	8:15 Jeunesse et Sport
9:00 Informations	8:20 Varietes
9:10 Lumiere sur les Informations	8:30 Informations
9:15 Varietes	8:40 Revue de Presse
9:30 Esprit de l'Islam	8:45 Musique
9:45 Musique	8:55 Cloture
9:58 Cloture	

BBC

Morning Transmission	24.00 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.00 World News	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	5.15 Report on Religion
News Summary	6.00 Radio Newsreel
8.30 Sarah Ward	6.15 Outlook
8.45 World Today	7.00 World News
9.00 Newsdesk	7.09 Commentary
9.30 Opera Star	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.00 World News	7.45 World Today
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	8.00 World News
News Summary	8.09 Books and Writers
10.30 Sarah Ward	8.30 Take One
10.45 Something to Show You	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.00 World News	9.00 World News
11.09 Reflections	9.09 News about Britain
11.15 Piano Style	9.15 Financial News
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.30 Farming World
12.00 World News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.09 British Press Review	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.15 World Today	10.45 Look Ahead
12.30 Financial News	10.45 Ulster in Focus
12.40 Look Ahead	11.00 World News
12.45 The Tony Myatt	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
Evening Transmission	12.15 Talkabout
1.15 Ulster in Focus	12.45 Nature Notebook
1.30 Discovery	1.00 World News
2.00 World News	1.09 World Today
2.09 News about Britain	1.25 Financial News
2.15 Alphabet of Musical	1.35 Book Choice
Curtains	1.40 Reflections
2.30 Sports International	1.45 Sports Round-up
2.40 Radio Newsreel	2.00 World News
3.15 Promenade Concert	2.09 Coin Review
3.45 Sports Round-up	2.15 The Face of England
4.00 World News	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A quiet meeting with a friend may be preferable to the party circuit. Do mental housecleaning in preparation for career start.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) The day begins with responsibilities in connection with others, but later, you'll be in the mood for socializing with friends.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You may not be in the mood to leave the house. Later, you'll perk up. Business interests take priority in the p.m.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You may have to soothe some ruffled feelings. Calm replaces agitation. Your affectionate manner makes for willing listeners.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A family member may be agitated, but harmony will prevail by day's end. Your willingness to share resources impresses others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Take a break if work is not going as planned. Sharing recreational moments with loved ones is just what the doctor ordered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You won't feel ready to relax until chores are completed. Family members though make happy helpmates. Joy in working together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An early telephone call may disrupt sleep. Despite inner worry, things brighten up. Promote romantic interests and communications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You may start the day off on an edgy note, but things get better. Domestic harmony and family togetherness bring contentment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Good news makes you feel good about yourself. There may not be enough money for a long trip, but local visits bring happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Buy a gift for a friend. You accomplish more from a behind-the-scenes vantage point and by displaying ego requirements.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Anti-social moods or knee blues hang over you. Don't succumb to them. Instead, participate, and the joy of Xmas presents to you.

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FARHA	63/79 F	7-1-80
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Unknown gunmen raid house

Mugabe family attacked in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, Dec. 22 (Agencies) — Gunmen blasted the former house of Patriotic Front leader Robert Mugabe here Saturday, injuring two of his relatives, police said.

At the same time shooting was reported to have broken out at a demonstration in the township of Harare, where supporters of the other front guerrilla leader, Joshua Nkomo, were holding a rally.

Police sealed off the area with roadblocks, but no further details were available. About 300 of Nkomo's supporters were attending the rally.

In the attack on the Mugabe house, three unidentified Africans sprayed it with automatic fire and threw a grenade that failed to explode.

The injured were identified as Innocent Mugabe, 27, and Patrick Mugabe, 12. Mugabe's six-year-old nephew Robert was narrowly missed by the first burst of fire as he sat in the back of a car in the driveway.

The small, two-bedroomed bungalow in the black township of Highfield was crowded with Mugabe's relatives, including his 75-year-old mother Voma and two sisters, Sabena and Brigit.

Police described the grenade and rifles used by the attackers as Soviet-made. There was no immediate explanation for the attack, which came on the first day of a ceasefire that began with Friday's signing of the Rhodesian settlement in London.

Officials have feared for the safety of Mugabe, leader of the Mozambique-based Zimbabwe African National Union, and Joshua Nkomo, head of the Zambia-based Zimbabwe African People's Union, once the guerrilla leaders return to Rhodesia. ZAPU and ZANU, which make up the Patriotic Front, have been fighting a seven-year war with the Salisbury government.

Mrs. Sabena Mugabe, 47, a nutrition and health specialist who now owns the house, said, "We are very frightened. There is nothing we can do to get enough security. The attackers may well come again. What can we do to stop them?"

The other sister, Brigit, said she saw the car cruise past five times before the men opened fire.

"This is partly intimidation and partly an attempt to destroy Robert's family," she said. "It is government attacking us—one of the internal leaders did it."

"So this is peace—to come and kill women."

The house was spattered with blood from a leg wound to Patrick Mugabe.

Under the settlement, Mugabe and Nkomo are to return to Salisbury to contest fresh elections in early 1980. But the attack demonstrated how perilous their position could be in a country riven with ideological and personal hatreds.

Britain's new governor in Salisbury, Lord Soames, Friday lifted long-standing bans on the two wings of the Patriotic Front—Mugabe's ZANU and Nkomo's ZAPU (Zimbabwe African People's Union).

Lord Soames also granted amnesty both to the guerrillas and to the white rebels who broke away from Britain in 1965—a revolt that came to an end last week with the arrival of the governor.

A round-the-clock stream of aircraft brought equipment and back-up staff for the 1,200-man Commonwealth monitoring force that will supervise a ceasefire and the general election expected early next year.

But otherwise, the ending of the war brought little noticeable impact to Salisbury,

where people seemed more concerned to do last-minute Christmas shopping.

Lord Soames acted quickly to put the ceasefire agreement into effect, appealing in a radio and television broadcast for Rhodesians to "turn away from the darkness of the past" and seize "the chance to build for Rhodesia the bright and prosperous future it deserves."

Despite the London ceremony, the war raged on. Military headquarters in Salisbury reported the deaths of three soldiers and six black civilians. But it did not mention the deaths of any guerrillas, possibly indicating the Rhodesian forces have begun to disengage.

The military bulletin said the civilians died when guerrillas raided their village, shot them and burned their huts.

Lord Soames said measures he was taking, now that the London agreement was signed, included:

— Release of prisoners held under emergency powers legislation. His spokesman said there were more than 2,000 prisoners.

— Lifting of the ban on the two wings of the Patriotic Front both of which have been outlawed for most of the past 16 years.

— Amnesty both for the guerrillas and for the white rebels.

Lord Soames said the amnesty "makes no judgment about the rights and wrongs of recent years. What it does do is provide for us all a new beginning."

On Friday the U.N. Security Council lifted a broad economic embargo that it had imposed on Rhodesia in 1966 in a vain effort to bring down the white-minority government.

The Council adopted the resolution lifting the sanctions by a vote of 13-0 with the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia abstaining.

Rhodesia was a self-governing colony of Britain when on Nov. 11, 1965, Prime Minister Ian Smith declared it independent.

Britain appealed to the Security Council, which next day condemned the Unilateral Declaration of Independence and decided to call on all countries not to recognize Rhodesian independence.

On Nov. 20, 1965, the Council called on all countries to "do their utmost to break all economic relations" with Rhodesia. It said continuance of the situation there threatened international peace. The charter authorizes the council to order boycotts whenever it finds such a threat to exist.

— The Charter 77 members

Czechoslovakia releases dissidents

PRAGUE, Dec. 22 (R) — Czechoslovak authorities Friday released a number of dissidents arrested Thursday after a successful appeal by six human rights activists convicted of subversion, dissident sources said.

Among those released was Zdena Tomínová, of the Charter 77 human rights movement, and her husband, Julius.

They were picked up Thursday in a round-up of between 20 and 40 Charter supporters at the appeal hearing of internationally known playwright Václav Havel and five co-defendants. The sources said they understood all those detained had been released.

After the 16-hour session, the court early Friday turned down the appeals and confirmed sentences of between two years suspended and five years handed down last October in a trial that was widely criticized in the West.

Also detained were Paul Thibaud, editor-in-chief of the magazine *L'Esprit*, after he tried to deliver to the Czechoslovak Writers' Union a note from 20 Western writers calling for the release of the six.

French Embassy sources said that he had been detained for showing an "incorrect attitude" to the Prague police, and would be expelled.

Starvation for some, prosperity for others

Peace has eluded unhappy Asia since the fall of S. Vietnam

By Terry A. Anderson

TOKYO, Dec. 22 (AP) — Peace seemed on the verge of breaking out in Asia in the middle of the 1970s, but the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 was only a pause.

The Indochina conflict careened toward the next decade before shifting political winds: old enemies became friends, old friends fired on each other, and the histories of nations were told in numbing statistics of the dead, the maimed, the starving and the homeless.

On the perimeters of the carnage, there were positive achievements. The five-nation association of Southeast Asian Nations was one of the world's economic success stories, and increasingly a coherent political force; the successors of Mao Tse-tung scrapped his dogmas of world-wide revolution to push China toward economic development, and Japan secured its place as an economic superpower, even if its political role remained relatively slight.

For much of the decade, the world's attention was on Vietnam. At the start of the 1970s, the United States had stopped looking for "the light at the end of the tunnel," and was looking only for a way out of a costly and frustrating effort to prop up a corrupt, ineffective non-communist government in Saigon.

Communist insurgents took over Saigon in 1975, and the communist-Khmer Rouge routed another U.S.-backed government in Cambodia.

Instead of turning its attention to rebuilding, Vietnam looked outward. Various "cooperation" agreements made neighboring Laos a virtual province of Vietnam.

Cambodia under Pol Pot also neglected reconstruction, to pursue a war on its own people. There were revolting rumors of millions of executions by pickaxes or clubs. After the Vietnamese invasion, the rumors proved true and horrified visitors saw mass graves, piles of skulls. It is estimated that half of Cambodia's population of 7-8 million in 1975 has died and one million more have fled the country.

Vietnam's foray into Cambodia in 1978 followed rapidly escalating border disputes. Vietnamese troops chased Pol Pot out of Phnom Penh January, 1979, and installed Heng Samrin.

That war grew amid reports of starvation so pervasive that some feared the extinction of the Cambodian people. Behind it loomed the rivalry of the Soviet Union, which backs Vietnam, and China, which



WATER: Boat people hand their empty pails to a passing ship for fresh water

Continued to support Pol Pot.

The Chinese and the Russians, as former Cambodian head of state Norodom Sihanouk once remarked bitterly, seemed determined to fight "to the last Cambodian."

Refugees poured out of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos. Ethnic



PEACE: A young couple gaze at the Himalayas from a hilltop in Kashmir, one of India's more spectacular states. The city of Srinagar is surrounded by such other towns hidden in the world's highest mountains as Pahlgam and Gulmarg. Its population is predominantly Muslim.

Hanoi said planning attack Thai border troops on alert

SAEO, Thailand Dec. 22 (AP) — Thai troops along the Cambodian border have been placed on full alert in anticipation of a possible Vietnamese offensive by the end of the year, the Supreme Command said Saturday.

At the Khao I Dang Refugee Camp, housing 80,000 Cambodians 12 kilometers inside Thailand, some 250 foreign relief workers have been issued contingency plans for evacuation in case of an attack on the border or shelling of the camp.

But the district commander for this most sensitive portion of the 800-kilometer border said he believes the Vietnamese armed forces, about 13 kilometers inside Cambodia, are in poor fighting condition.

Col Parachak Sawangchit, at his command post here 20 kilometers from the border, said he believes the Vietnamese are suffering from "low morale, a lack of confidence and bad logistics."

He said they launched a regiment-sized attack Dec. 4 against a poorly armed third force "Khmer Seri" Cambodians camped just across the border from Thailand and still have not been able to dislodge them.

"If they cannot get past the Khmer Seri," he said, they will not be a match for Thai troops, who have been reinforcing their border defenses.

The Supreme Command would not disclose the numbers of Thai troops deployed along the border, saying only that there are "several thousand." A spokesman said they are supported by artillery, tank divisions and the air force, including U.S. made F-5E fighter bombers.

"Now in this area the strength of the Vietnamese is no problem for me and my forces," Prachak said. "We have enough tanks, enough military, enough jets to stop any invasion."

The Supreme Command in Bangkok said, however, that intelligence reports indicate a "massive offensive" against Cambodians along the Thai border will be launched by the end of the year.

He said Vietnamese artillery has been moved forward into a position that indicates that heavy ground attack is being prepared.

According to Prachak, the Vietnamese

have five infantry regiments, or about 7,500 men, in the border area across from his command in Prachin Buri Province, about 200 kilometers east of Bangkok.

These troops are supported by tanks, armored cars, artillery and engineers, bringing their total strength in the region to nearly 10,000 men. Altogether, Vietnam is believed to have some 200,000 troops throughout Cambodia.

In the initial attack on the Khmer Seri at Ban Kalor, north of this command post, Prachak said, some 30,000 new refugees poured into Thailand. But when the Cambodians counterattacked, all but 1,400 of them returned to Cambodia.

The last time the Thai military in the border region was put on full alert was on Oct. 18 after a massive Vietnamese troop buildup that drove tens of thousands of Cambodian refugees into Thailand.

Others more muted

Stalin's hometown marks centenary

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (R) — Thousands of people paraded jubilantly through Josef Stalin's native town in Soviet Georgia Friday to mark the centenary of the late dictator's birth.

But in Moscow the celebrations were more subdued and people who visited Stalin's Red Square grave were accompanied by a police escort.

There were no visits by senior party and state officials, in line with the official view that Stalin committed serious errors which marred an otherwise distinguished leadership.

Private citizens, old soldiers, young Communists and party officials filed steadily to the burial place and heaped flowers on the grave.

Crowds were unable to approach since Lenin's Mausoleum, which provides access to the graves of former Soviet leaders, is closed on Fridays.

In Gori, Stalin's Georgian birthplace, five marching bands led the centenary festivities. "Music is playing everywhere, everything is in a holiday spirit," a police spokesman said

Chicago hamstrung by financial problems

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (R) — Chicago's 48,600 teachers and other school employees are without pay as Christmas starts because of a financial crisis in the city's public school system, second largest in the United States.

The Chicago Board of Education on had only \$ 8.7 million in the bank Friday, to meet a fortnightly payroll of \$ 41.5 million.

It had been counting on a last-minute bailout from Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson with a \$ 50-million state loan but this did not materialize.

The 26,000-strong Teachers Union said that unless its members were paid they would not report for work when schools reopen Jan. 2 after the Christmas break.

The board's financial problems have been blamed on mismanagement over a number of years.

Its president, Mrs. William Rohter, said the employees would be paid as soon as a rescue plan had been worked out with city and state officials. She hoped normal classes would resume Jan. 2.

A committee appointed by Chicago Mayor Jane Byrne to look into the finances of the city's 640 elementary and high school reported that they would need \$ 694 million to keep going until August.

It said the board would have to close some schools temporarily and slash its budget unless the school system received a big injection of capital.

It recommended that the board ask the teachers to renegotiate their pay. But their union said it would not.

A city hall spokesman said Friday night that the mayor wanted to work out a deal with the state in the next few days.

Some insiders said a confrontation between Mrs. Byrne, Chicago's most powerful Democrat, and the Republican gov. Thompson had hindered a solution. Mrs. Byrne and Thompson have each other's rescue proposals.

In Prague, the party paper *Rude Prava* noted the achievements of the man who ruled the Soviet Union for some 30 years before his death in 1953 but said some of his mistakes had caused grave damage to the Soviet people and the Communist movement.

In Peking, where the late Soviet leader is regarded as a great but flawed figure, the Chinese authorities said they were publishing a new centennial edition of his select works.

In Albania, the only Communist country which still idolizes Stalin, the centenary was commemorated with official celebrations and a declaration that his "monumental work" shine for centuries.

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